

Comment Of The Day

THE INFERIOR WOMEN

THE happiest Christmas news for Government employees came last week with the announcement of the acceptance of the Salaries Commission Report. Earlier this year we welcomed the recommendations because they did away with the expatriate allowance, eliminated unfairly formulated cost of living allowances and consolidated salaries into a single figure. In one sweep the Report banished an undercurrent of ranking resentment.

Married men with families, particularly in the medium to lower salary scales fare less well than bachelors. And while women's salaries have been generally raised, we deplore the miserable stinginess of Government in not agreeing to the principle of equal pay. Women doctors and a few holding senior pensionable posts have been recognised but for a Commission which has won wide commendation for removing the major anomalies and anomalies of the Government pay structure, it is a pity that women officers who have given such loyal and devoted service have to carry this old-fashioned grievance into the 1960s.

INDEED, having accepted that salaries should be based on the post the individual occupies rather than his marital status and family circumstances and having accepted the entitlement of some women to equal pay, it is rather magnified an existing anomaly by not extending the principle to all. Presumably the cost of equality to the treasury was not the determining factor and most women will regard the increase they have been given as a proprietary sop rather than a fair attempt to deal with their claim.

A second point of criticism is the decision to make the pay increases retroactive to July 1. Why? Beyond the answer that it is traditional it is very doubtful if this can be explained, let alone justified. It seems that civil servants are under the peculiar impression that pay rises should date back to the time of a Salaries Commission's appointment, since this implies a recognition that wages require adjustment.

BUT what is standard practice in Hongkong? An employee of a business firm receives his increase from the date of his manager's decision, not from the time his manager agreed to consider his application. Moreover it is unreasonable that civil servants because of their large numbers, the complexity and clumsiness of their pay structure and the time it consequently takes to make an overall decision, should profit even to the extent of backdating increases six months—in terms of money, \$17 million.

Apart from these two small weaknesses, the report is a good one and reflects admirably on its authors. It commends itself to private enterprise. The hope is that Government's new lower scale salaries based as they are on a more detailed cost of living survey than any undertaken in Hongkong, will set a standard for the entire Colony. The widespread criticism of cheap labour, much of which is justified, points to the need for an overall levelling up of wages. This should be the aim of all employers as Hongkong moves into the sixties.

LAST MINUTE BUYING SPREE CREATES RECORD COLONY'S BUMPER XMAS

Businesses

Report Big Sales Increase

CHINA MAIL REPORTERS

Hongkong will have a bumper Christmas an extensive survey by the China Mail disclosed today.

Thousands of people have been flocking to big department stores and smaller shops over the past two weeks in a monster buying spree that has created an all time record.

In every walk of business company executives report an increase on last year's selling traffic. All the big department stores in Hongkong and Kowloon say that their business has climbed about 12% higher than last Christmas.

In general Christmas shopping started slowly but when it started it came with a rush that stores could hardly cope with the influx of customers.

Supplies of whisky have been rushed. One official of a wholesale firm said yesterday that if his company had bigger supplies of liquor they would be able to sell it.

"Whisky sales in general, possibly because of the increase in supply, have gone up almost 100%," he said. "Another encouraging trend is wine which has increased in sales by about 20%."

"If this is any indication of the future the Hongkong liquor trade is going to boom," he added.

POULTRY SALES Christmas poultry, especially turkey, is selling at a rapid rate and retailers say that the last minute rush, usually on Christmas Eve, will be tremendous.

In the clothing line, department stores say that they have never sold so many ties as they have this Christmas.

"We have been completely swamped," one store official said. "In general the articles which have been bought are slightly lower in price than in previous years."

"But the number of customers has increased. There are only one example, but there seems to be a steady trend towards novelty clothing, such as fancy jackets and bright socks," he added.

And novelties aren't restricted to clothing of course. (Contd. on Back Page, Col. 6)

Michele To

Start Her

Modelling

Career

By COLIN RICKARDS

London, Dec. 21.

Michele Mok, 17-year-old "Miss Hongkong" in the "Miss World" contest is to become a model and will not be going back to Hongkong.

After the "Miss World" contest last month, Michele (15-23) who reached the final heat, had a holiday in London with her brother.

She then decided to try her hand at modelling and enrolled at a 25-pounds-a-month Lucy Clayton Modelling School and Agency.

She finished her four weeks training and today signed a one year contract with the agency. "I'll start modelling in the new year," Michele told me happily today. "It's wonderful but the whole training has been hard work—but fun."

ONE IN TEN A spokesman for Lucy Clayton told me today that they accept only one in every ten girls who apply for training and that only about one in 20 who complete the course are offered a contract.

"We think that Michele would do very well and plan to start her with photographic work in January," the spokesman said. "She is also the sort of girl who will make a big impression at lavish fashion shows in London and win the hearts of the customers."

The Agency handles many of Britain's top models including Margaret Brown, Sandra Paul and Tania Mallett. They have not had an Oriental girl since Burmese Liz Robbins went to Peru.

But modelling is not the only thing keeping Michele busy. She was tested for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Flower Drum Song" which is to be brought to England from New York in March.

"I didn't get the part because I can't dance and I can't sing," Michele said.

SCREEN TEST Last week she went for a screen test, at Elstree for the film version of Richard Mason's best-seller, "The World of Suzie Wong." The play is still breaking box-office records in London's West End.

"They told me they would probably sign me up as one of the bar-room girls," Michele told me. "I should hear tomorrow (Tuesday) but now I have had second thoughts."

"It's not a very nice story really. I don't think that I will accept the part. I don't want to play a brothel girl."

Michele is now living with her 23-year-old brother Philippe, who is studying accountancy. He will finish his course in two years.

"I may go home in a year or so," Michele said. "Maybe, maybe not."—London Express Service.

Bishop Homer Mistaken For Santa Claus

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

An American preacher, who claims to have "melted the Iron Curtain and raised the Bamboo Curtain," today proclaimed himself "King of Japan."

Some old Japanese watching thought he was Santa Claus. A small crowd of about 100 persons, mostly newsmen and photographers gathered in front of the Japanese Diet building where Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson of the Church of God announced he was now "King of 100 nations."

Tomlinson unfolded his aluminum throne, donned his pink robe and gold crown, inflated his collapsible plastic globe and said: "I proclaim myself King of Japan. I do this in all humility."

While Bishop Tomlinson went through with his "coronation" the few Japanese spectators and diet policemen scratched their heads and asked some of the newsmen "What's going on?"—UPI.

Dramatic Rescue From Stricken Ship



One of the members of the crew of the Finnish ship Anna (3,000 tons), is hauled ashore in breeches buoy in stormy seas from his ship, aground beneath steep cliffs off the east Scottish coast at St. Combs, near Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire. — Reuterphoto.

Election Violence In Turkey

Zmir, Dec. 21.

About 50 people were reportedly injured yesterday and another forty held for questioning by police as a result of rioting which broke out at polling places in the little town of Urla near here, it was learned today.

Fighting broke out during yesterday's election voting between partisans of the Democratic Party, which currently is in power, and adherents of the Opposition Republican Party.

The violent battle between both groups lasted almost five hours, and police reinforcements had to be brought in from Izmir to separate the fighters.

Among the injured was a news photographer, while one journalist was reportedly among those being held for questioning.—AFP.

Gales Delay Shipping

New York, Dec. 21.

Gales and high seas which extended over halfway across the Atlantic from the European coast have delayed the arrival of scores of vessels.

The SS America, originally scheduled to dock today now is not expected until tomorrow and the SS United States is expected to be 11 hours late.—AP.

DIVORCE CASE ENDS IN STALEMATE

London, Dec. 21.

Britain's longest divorce case ended yesterday in stalemate. After 17 days of sensational testimony the judge rejected divorce suits by the Earl and Countess of Shrewsbury and they left the court still married.

The 45-year-old Earl charged the Countess committed adultery with their children's tutor, Gerald Anthony Lowther.

The Countess, a striking brunette of 46, denied the charge. But the judge said he was forced to the conclusion that

Russia Favours West's Proposals For Summit Talks

London, Dec. 21.

Moscow radio said today the Soviet Government was in favour of a summit conference being convened.

The radio first announced the Western invitation to Mr Nikita Khrushchev to attend a series of summit conferences and then went on to say that the Soviet reaction to the invitation was positive.

"It is impossible for the time being to produce a full analysis of the results of the Paris conference. But it would be correct to say that the Soviet proposal for a meeting of heads of government has found a positive response."

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Would Help

"As is known the Soviet Government many times took the initiative in this question. The Soviet Government has considered that such a meeting would help in eliminating mutual mistrust and would pave the way for a further easing of international tension," the radio said.

"Under the present condition when—thanks to the efforts of the Soviet Government—a definite improvement in the international relations has been achieved, every way should be explored to strengthen peace and security among the nations."

The most prominent political figures in the United States, India, Italy, Japan, France and Sweden have urged such talks. News of the invitation and Soviet reaction was given by Moscow radio commentator Yuri Yakov in a talk on the Paris meetings of Western heads of government.

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the case against her was proved. The Earl, however, was denied a divorce because the judge found he gave false testimony. And the Countess's suit, based on the Earl's admitted adultery, was rejected because of her own denial, which the judge found false. The Earl, in petitioning for divorce, had asked the court to use its power to "overlook" his own adultery.

But Judge Charles Collingwood told him: "I feel that unless I am to regard the sanctity of marriage as an outmoded idea, or to extend the requirements that

the petitioner must deal with the court with the utmost good faith, my duty compels me to refuse to exercise discretion in this case."

During the hearing a whole series of witnesses, employees of the Shrewsbury, took the stand to say they had found the Countess and the 27-year-old tutor in compromising circumstances. The Earl himself testified he first suspected his wife of infidelity after hearing she had had an operation. Costs of the divorce case were estimated to total a minimum of £20,000.—AP.

ASKED TO WORSHIP FALSE GODS

Alleged Claim

In Murder Trial

A farmer allegedly claimed in a statement read by a Policeman in the Supreme Court today that he stabbed a herbalist to death because the dead man made him "mentally unbalanced" by asking him to worship "false gods."

He said the dead man also forced his wife to live apart from him in a hotel room, threatening to kill or wound her by charms if she disobeyed.

The farmer, Lam Ming-kwai, 37, has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Tsang Fa-lung, the herbalist, at Choi Yuen Village, Sek Kong, on March 15.

At the outset of the trial today, three of the jury about to be empanelled—two women and a man—were excused on the grounds that they object to capital punishment.

STATEMENT

In a statement, made at Pat Heung Police Station to DPC Ma Hak Shing, Lam is alleged to have said:

"I did chop Tsang Fa-lung with a knife."

"He was a good friend of mine. I did no harm to anybody. He did harm to me."

"He often asked me for money and also asked me to worship false gods. By means of charms he made me mentally unbalanced and made my wife go and stay in a hotel room. If she disobeyed, he said he would use charms for wounding and killing her."

"My wife, Yung Wai-ying, was ignorant and was cheated by him."

DPC Tsang Woo described to the Court how he went to the village and saw Lam being tied with a rope. Lam had blood on his body and hands.

DPC Tsang said he went to the toilet in Ma Chung Tsui's hut and saw the dead man's body lying there, covered in blood.

The hearing is continuing before Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Lam is represented by Mr A. H. Saffell.

CHESSMAN AGAIN SENTENCED TO DEATH

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.

Caryl Chessman who has escaped the gas chamber seven times was sentenced to death yesterday.

Judge Herbert V. Walker set February 1960 as the execution date for Chessman. The convict-author has evaded the executioner for 11½ years through appeals and petitions.

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Talks Urged

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RECORD TAKE-OVERS

London Market Kept Active

London, Dec. 21. With a lively demand for shares, and with take-over bids for whole companies, London Stock Exchange has never a dull moment.

Starting with British Aluminium and ending (so far) with de Havilland, this has been a record year for take-overs.

Jobbers Short

Jobbers are short of some leading shares and rather worried about it, and buyers display great seasonal and cyclical confidence. As in all take-overs, the terms of Hawker's merger with de Havilland are naturally better for the shareholders in the acquired than in the acquiring company.

Eventually, this may carry a warning as between buyers and

sellers of company shares, but meanwhile it is the buyers who are happy.

This week has brought more earnings from leading American banks about the United States balance of payments, the inflationary increases in United States costs and prices and the end of the post-war era of almost automatic dollar supremacy.

In fact, wage rates in the United States have not been rising faster than abroad. For some years the foreign wage trend has been catching up on the American.

Devaluation

However, it is still far behind. It had the 1949 devaluations to discount, and foreign countries have been catching up much faster in productivity, modernisation, salesmanship and delivery.

Much depends of course on the outlook for United States

prices. So far in this recovery, the development has been close enough to that of the 1954 recovery to arouse suspicions that there will now be a price upturn similar to that which occurred at this stage of the 1954 cycle.

The present phase lacks some of the 1954 pressures. On the other hand as the New York Fed remarks and as cars and aluminium between, the steel situation may be building up price pressures which 1954 did not suffer.

Only time can tell whether the steel conflict is between the enemies and the defenders of the dollar or merely between two sets of its enemies.

Impasse

If there is an impasse in United States labour relations it could conceivably have the same causes as Britain's impasse in 1926—an apparent economic dispute concealing a deeper social cleavage, and a wrong exchange rate.

In all other respects the two situations are utterly dissimilar but if those two similarities exist they could be crucial. The whole thing remains to be at tested.

Following the prepayment of the Export-Import Bank loan, Britain is now relinquishing her IMF standby credit and automatically making her existing year North American debt payment.

These Suez crisis expedients are outlined by the passing of the Suez and any other sterling crisis.

If Britain ever needs any of the enlarged IMF resources she can arrange them like the United States or any other member country.—China Mail Special.

RUBBER MARKET REVIEW

Singapore, Dec. 21. The market opened staidier on improved overseas advances and advanced sharply on buying which probably was in anticipation of default in market which confirmed at noon.

Lower sheet was in demand for nearby shipment otherwise the market was neglected.

This trend accelerated after official close with prices closing lowest of the day. In London, the rubber market was steady with spot quotations at 35 1/2 pence per pound.—U.P.I.

Wall Street Continues To Hold Firm

New York, Dec. 21. Stocks held firm during the session today with electronic and motor issues setting the pace.

Less than two points separate the industrial stock average from the all-time high reached on August 3. The market made several attempts to hold the high last week but gave in each time to profit-taking before the close.

Motorola ran up nearly four points in the electronics, International Business Machines jumped more than two, Texas Instruments and General Time more than a point.

American Motors picked up nearly two in the auto in heavy trading, but General Motors and Studebaker-Packard added fractions.

Chrysler was firm at the opening, but eased somewhat in subsequent trading.

Steel shares were generally better. There were good features in engineering shares and Vickers and English Electric were both very firm on news talks are in progress for a link-up of their aircraft interests.

Textiles were buoyant. Breweries and soft drink shares were firm. Government securities were dull and in the foreign market Greek bonds were unsettled. Oils opened quietly firm but later reacted and closed mainly lower. Gold shares were selectively better but copper were dull.—A.P.

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Norfolk & Western Ry.	12

Chinese Incursion On Nepal

TROOPS PENETRATE AT TWO POINTS

Katmandu, Dec. 21. The newspaper of the ruling Nepali party said today Chinese troops have penetrated Nepalese territory "in large numbers" at two points.

FRANCO MEETS IKE FOR FIRST TIME

Madrid, Dec. 21. President Eisenhower arrived here today on the last lap of his "peace and friendship in freedom" crusade and was greeted by about one million Spaniards who hailed him as the world's "ambassador of peace."

Generalissimo Francisco Franco, Spain's chief of state who led the welcoming in colourful ceremonies at the air base, responded with a brief speech rich in the imagery of the Spanish language.

"Mr. President," he said, "it is with profound satisfaction that I shake your hand for the first time and welcome you."

General Franco, using the familiar form of "three," told Mr. Eisenhower he had followed "with interest" the trip which has taken the President to three continents.—UPI.

Peter Townsend Gives Reporters The Slip

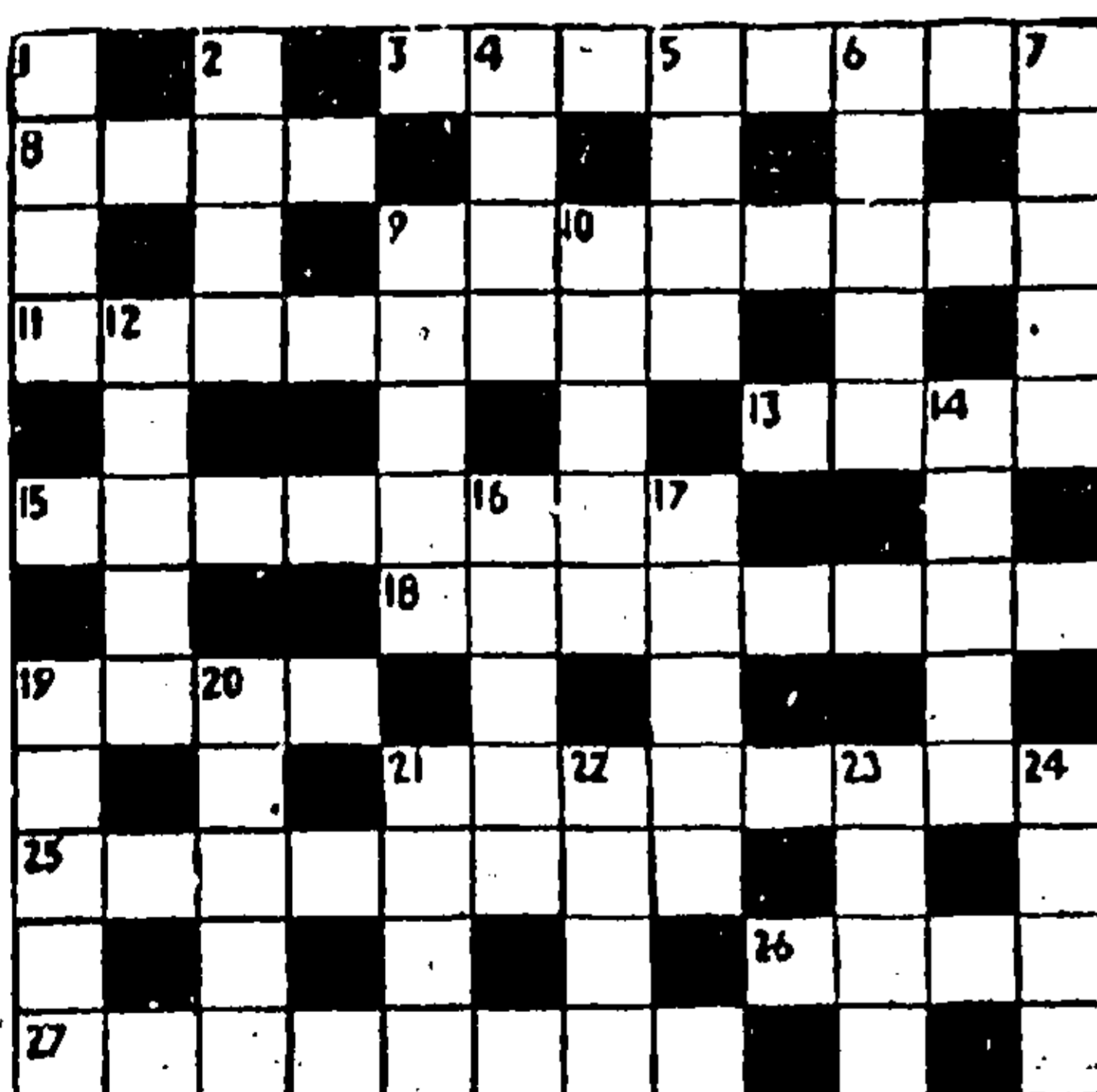
Brussels, Dec. 21. Peter Townsend, who has been closely shadowed by press photographers and reporters ever since his friendship with Princess Margaret, gave them the slip today—his wedding day.

The ten-minute civil ceremony took place in the town hall of Watermead-Bolton, near Brussels.

Townsend was married to 20-year-old Marie-Luce Jamagne, the girl who toured the world with him as his secretary-photographer.

Mlle. Jamagne, a slim brunette and daughter of a wealthy Belgian company director, met the former British air ace for the first time in Brussels when they were both members of a fashionable riding club. She was then 15.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 He should be used to a hive of industry (8).
- 8 Pea jackets? (4).
- 9 In which one might find oneself in low water? (8).
- 11 Relates to business establishments (8).
- 13 Monster (4).
- 15 Needy little gentleman finally (8).
- 18 Completely without dislike (8).
- 20 Essential point (4).
- 21 Giving permission (8).
- 25 Golden sovereign (8).
- 26 Stage king (4).
- 27 Viking? (8).

DOWN

- 1 Poetically heroic (4).
- 2 Garden (4).
- 4 Angel? (4).
- 5 Mountains (4).
- 6 Cake jacket (5).
- 7 Either, possibly, but not here (5).
- 9 A sound equine denial! (5).
- 10 Concerning a permanent finish (5).
- 12 It's got something (5).
- 14 Plant product (8).
- 16 Bird on a coin (5).
- 17 Number on a joint (5).
- 18 Utensil on a parson (5).
- 20 Superior cut? (5).
- 21 Nothing in beer is bitter (4).
- 22 Girl (4).
- 23 Chilled (4).
- 24 Clothing (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Shower, 4 Sun up, 7 I-lander, 8 Allot, 9 Egress, 11 Ordinal, 13 Combine, 15 Secret, 18 Range, 19 R.A.-dishes, 20 Terra, 21 Easily, Down: 1 Spine, 2 Whale, 3 Ride on, 4 Strand, 5 Miller, 6 Pilot, 10 Re-minder, 12 Residue, 13 Cornet, 14 Iberia, 16 Cassia, 17 Tasty.

Empress Of Iran Presides At First Function

Tehran, Dec. 21. The new Empress of Iran, Farah Diba, tonight presided at the side of her husband, Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi, over her first official functions—a 200-place wedding dinner and a grand ball attended by more than 1,000 members of Iran's high society.

The scene of the sparkling wedding feast was Tehran's "Golestan" Palace—usually maintained as a museum—in the old quarter of the city, near the picturesque bazaar. The place is surrounded by a large garden ("Golestan" in fact, means "rose garden"), and formerly belonged to the Kadjar Dynasty, to which Farah Diba is related, which preceded the Pahlavi Dynasty, to which the Shah belongs. Outside the Palace grounds, nearby buildings were decorated with strings of Venetian lanterns.

The Shah and Farah had been cheered by crowds of Iranians eager for a look at their new empress as the Royal couple arrived at the Palace.

Now, in the city's streets, the public celebrations continued with fireworks displays, fired from many of the main squares.—AFP.

Students Arrested

Singapore, Dec. 21. Three Chinese students, including a girl, were arrested today by detectives of the Special Branch under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance.

Persons detained under the ordinance need not be brought to trial in a court of law. The Police declined to give any further details about the arrests.

On December 16 Police detained three other Chinese students at Singapore Nanyang University under the same emergency law.—Reuters.

Guardsman Sent For Trial On Murder Charge

London, Dec. 21. Michael Douglas Dowdall, 19-year-old Welsh Guardsman, was sent for trial to the Old Bailey today on a charge of murdering a 31-year-old prostitute.

Dowdall, who has been a Buckingham Palace sentry, served his defence on the charge of murdering Veronica Murray, whose nude body was found in her room in North London a year ago.

Medical evidence was given today that she died of head injuries which could have been inflicted by a blood-encrusted ornamental dumb-bell found in her room.

Plea Rejected

An application by the defence for today's preliminary hearing to be held in camera because press reports might prejudice the trial was rejected by the magistrate.

However, a statement allegedly made by Dowdall to police after his arrest was not read out today by agreement between the prosecution and the defence.

The prosecution said Dowdall was linked with the murder by his statement and by fingerprints found in the room.

A woman witness, fair-haired Mrs. Mabel Jean Hill, divorced, said by the prosecution to have survived an attack similar to that on Miss Murray, pointed out Dowdall in court as a man she met on the night she was attacked.

She had allowed him into her home for coffee. He then took off his shirt and she remembered no more until she woke up in hospital.

A doctor testified that Mrs. Hill had marks on her neck caused by two nylon stockings tied around the neck and had a number of small circular abrasions on her body.

Mine Explosions, Avalanche Kill 16 In Japan

Fukuoka, Dec. 22. Four explosions ripped through the Mitsubishi coal mine in northern Kyushu on Monday night to Tuesday morning, killing at least three miners and leaving 18 missing.

Fifteen others were injured in the explosions, the Fukuoka Prefecture Police Headquarters said on Tuesday.

It was the second disaster in two days to strike the depression-racked coal mining communities of Fukuoka.

Seven coal miners were killed and 24 injured on Monday in a gas explosion inside the Mitsui mine.

Rescue teams were unable to descend into the shaft of the Mitsubishi mine in which the explosion occurred because of the gas and the danger of continuing explosions, a spokesman said.

Six students were believed to have been swept to their death by an avalanche that tore the side of Mt. Yari near Nagano on Sunday.

Reporters reaching here last night said they were among the group of nine students who were caught in the tumbling snow and ice as they were climbing the mountain.

The leader, Minoru Kojima, and two others managed to crawl out but others were still buried under the avalanche.

The report of the disaster was made by the three survivors to the Police last night. A rescue party was scheduled to set out here at 5 a.m. today.—AP and UPI.

Espionage Charge

Tehran, Dec. 21. Tehran newspapers reported today that an Iraqi national, who gave his name as Khalil Kassem, had been arrested on an espionage charge at Khurramshahr, a disputed port on the river Shatt Al Arab in South-West Persia.

Three Iraqi Army officers were reported to have crossed the frontier in the Shatt Al Arab area and sought asylum in Persia.—China Mail Special.

14 Dead, 29 Missing As Ship Sinks

Manila, Dec. 22. The Escano Shipping Company confirmed today 14 persons had died and 29 others were missing when the inter-island vessel m.v. Rizal sank on Friday in the typhoon-ravaged waters off Southern Luzon. Sixty-four survived the disaster.

Jesus Sala, general manager of the Escano Shipping Company, which operates the ill-fated m.v. Rizal, said the manifest showed the ship had 49 passengers and 58 crewmembers when it left Butuan Island for Manila on Friday.

The 700-ton freighter ran into typhoon Glida's 140-mile-per-hour wind and sank, Sala said.

One hundred school teachers were reported by the Philippine News Service earlier as missing after their launch ferrying them to Samar Island had been unheard from since Friday.

The report however still had no official confirmation up to early today.—UPI.

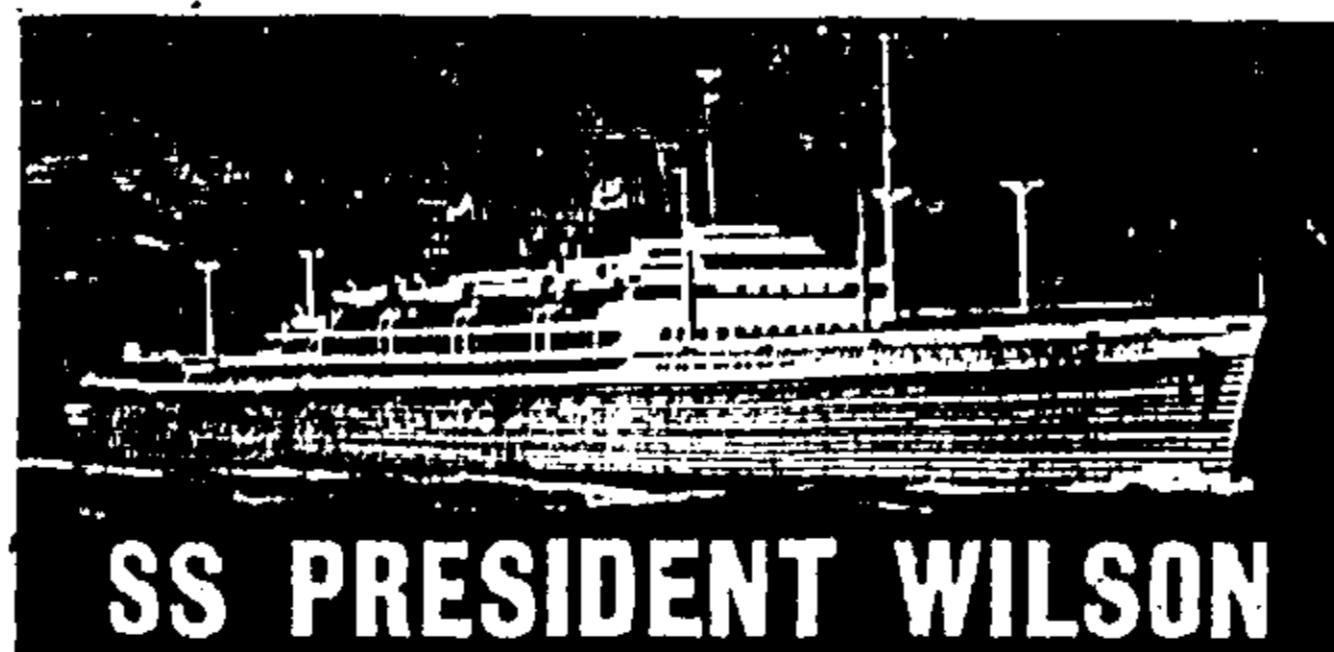
Macleod Alters Itinerary

Nairobi, Dec. 21. Mr. Iain Macleod, the British Colonial Secretary, has altered his East African itinerary so that he can have talks in Entebbe, Uganda, with the Kabaka of Buganda, ruler of the protectorate's largest kingdom, it was officially announced here today.

Instead of flying straight from here to London on Wednesday Mr. Macleod will stop at Entebbe for four hours. He will also discuss with the Acting Governor of Uganda the forthcoming publication of the Wild report on the protectorate's future.

An official statement said the Colonial Secretary thought it convenient to call at Entebbe on his homeward journey for some discussion with the Acting Governor concerning the Wild report, which would be published that day.—China Mail Special.

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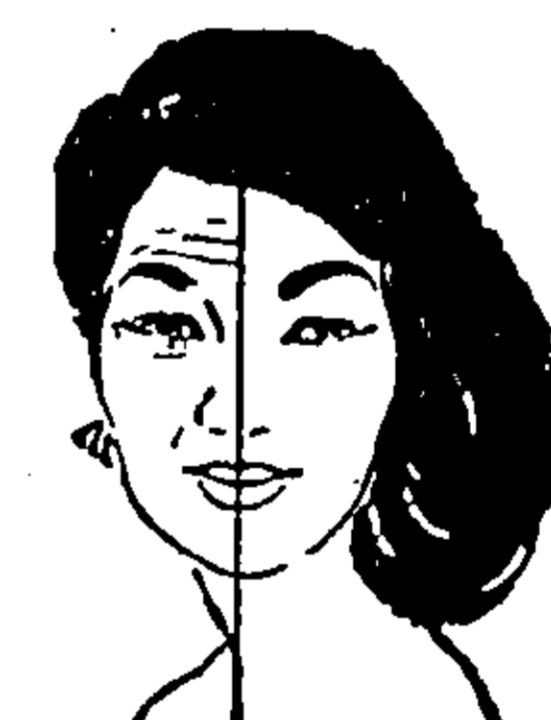
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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the gala premiere of "ON THE BEACH" in aid of the Tsimshatsui Kai Lung Welfare Association scheduled for tonight at 9.30 p.m. at the PRINCESS has now postponed to Wednesday, the 30th December at 9.30 p.m. All tickets sold for this show will be valid on that day.

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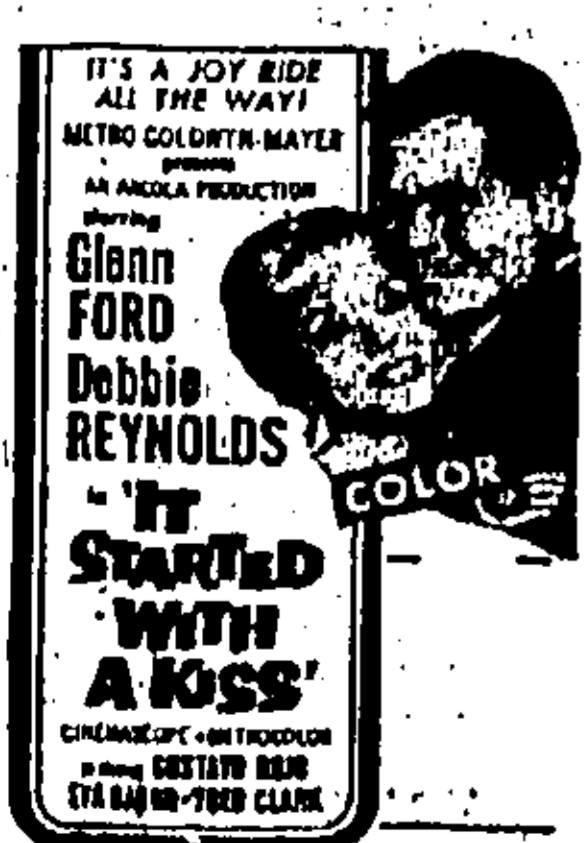
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**Was The Queen's Waiter Topsy?**

Luton Hoo, Dec. 21.
Had the butler been at the
bottle when he served the
Queen?

"Yes," says his former boss, Lady Anastasia Wernher. "That's why I sacked him."

"No," says the tall and stately William O'Rourke, 37, a man of impeccable bearing and dignity who has been serving bluebloods in the Luton Hoo mansion of Sir Harold and Lady Wernher (Electrolux, Eriksen Telephones etc.) for ten years.

O'Rourke's downfall started a month ago when the Queen and Prince Philip were guests of the Wernhers. O'Rourke told of it as he sipped beer morosely with reporters in a nearby pub.

"Naturally when there is a shooting party the servants have a drop," he said. "It is the custom. I had a few when the Queen was there. But tight? Not."

"Could I have served the Queen and Prince with wine and meals faultlessly if I had been tight?" he asked.

Not A Drop

O'Rourke paused and sipped again at his beer.

"I didn't spill a drop or knock over a glass," he said. "I was perfect."

Maybe he was but the clincher came last week when the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were guests in the home of the Wernhers.

"I had a brief snort," O'Rourke admitted. "Her ladyship was very displeased with me. She seldom drinks and can always smell it when a chap has one."

She apparently noticed it and O'Rourke's career as a butler came to an end.

O'Rourke, who admitted a liking for beer, wine, champagne and whisky, concluded sadly:

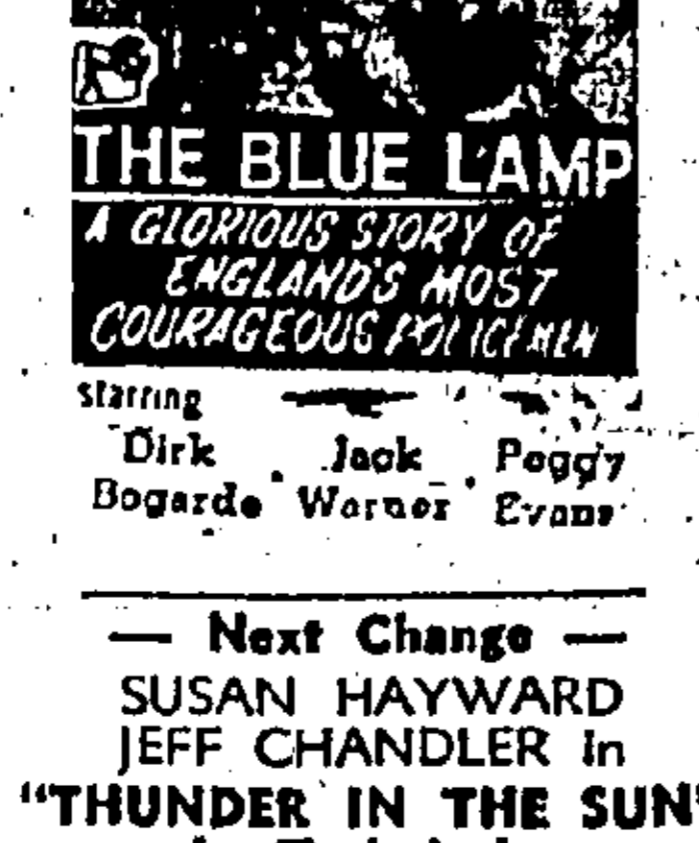
"I want a job like an ordinary fellow. I've had enough waiting on the famous and wealthy."—UPI.

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**The Strange Case Of The Two Duchesses**

ONE APPLIES TO HAVE THE OTHER GAOLED

London, Dec. 21.

An application to commit the Duchess of Argyll to prison was brought in the law courts today by a former wife of the Duke.

The application — one of the most unusual of its type to come before the courts — was heard in strict privacy. It was recorded on notice boards in the law courts in only four words — "Timpson versus Argyll committal."

The judge, Sir Gilbert James Paul, opened the court only briefly to warn reporters that no report of what had happened should be published.

He said "in this matter I desire to state in open court that while I have been in chambers I have taken a certain course."

His Warning

"If I find that any statements are made or reports are published purporting to say what has happened before me in chambers, I shall take steps to see that the matter is reported to the proper authorities for action."

"It is essential for the proper administration of justice that statements should not be broadcast with regard to matters heard in chambers. Such matters concern the parties only and no one else."

The application was brought on behalf of Mrs Louise Timpson, 53, second wife of the 56-year-old Scottish Duke whose marriage to him was dissolved in 1951.

She is now married to a banker and lives in New York. Her elder son, the Marquis of Argyll, is heir to the Duke of Argyll.

Her Last Husband

The present Duchess, 46, was previously married to the American millionaire Mr Charles Sweeney.

A first hearing of the application in the morning lasted an hour and three-quarters. The Duchess was not present in the morning but turned up for the afternoon hearing which lasted only about 12 minutes — China Mail Special.

Nottingham, Dec. 21.
Dr. Barbara Moore, 49, stout, chunky 55-year-old Russian-born dietician, was still plodding towards London today on a marathon 373-mile march from Edinburgh.

She hopes to reach London tomorrow — her 56th birthday — Reuters.

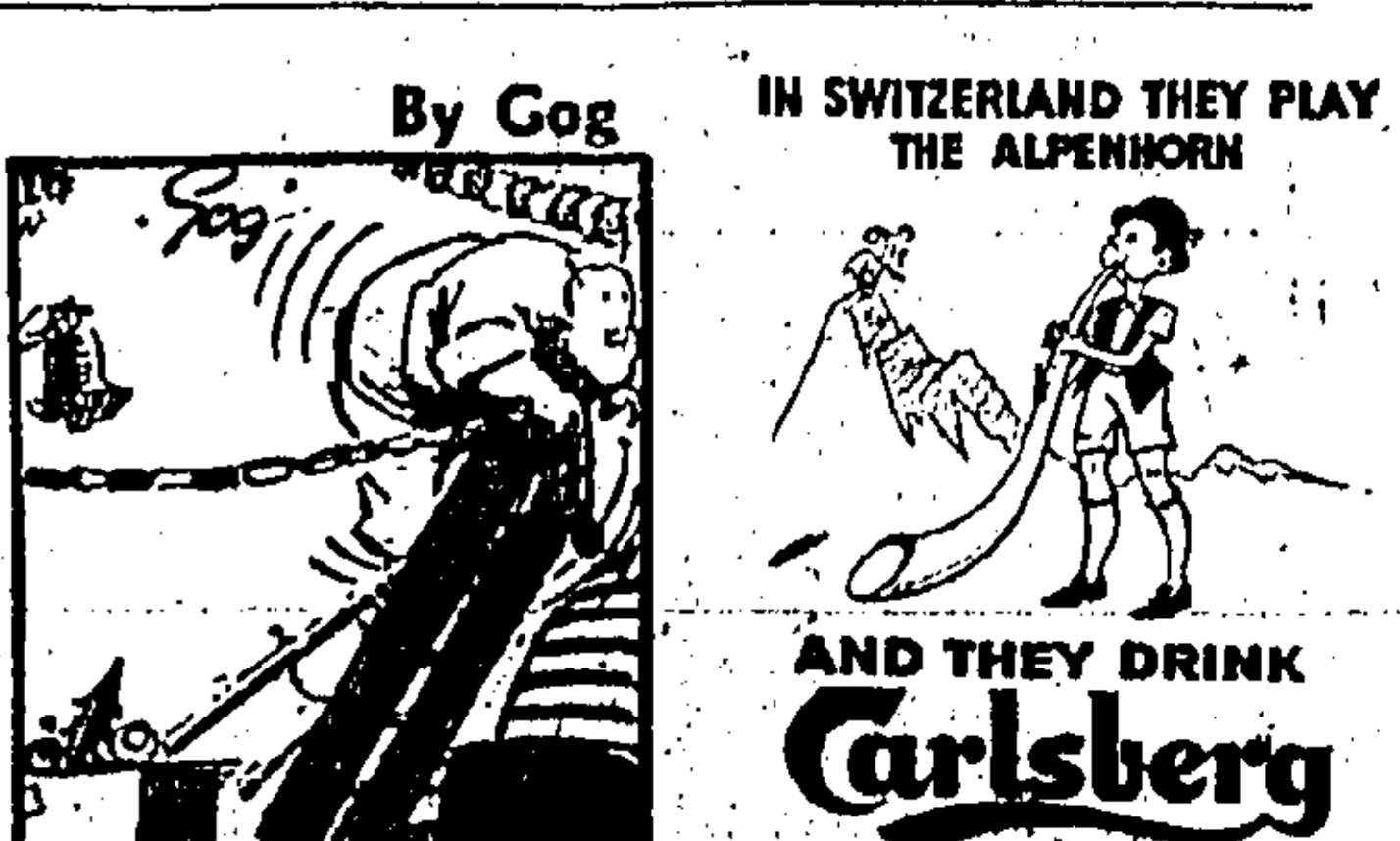
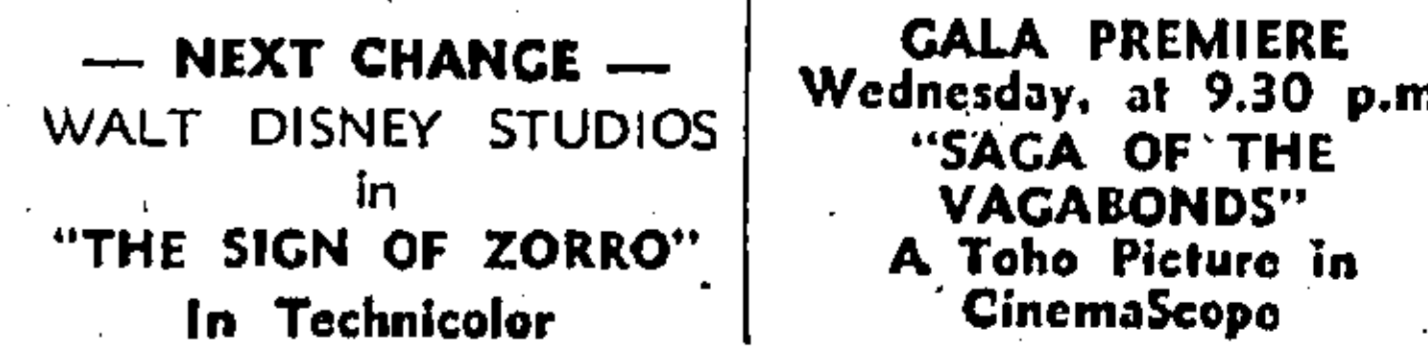
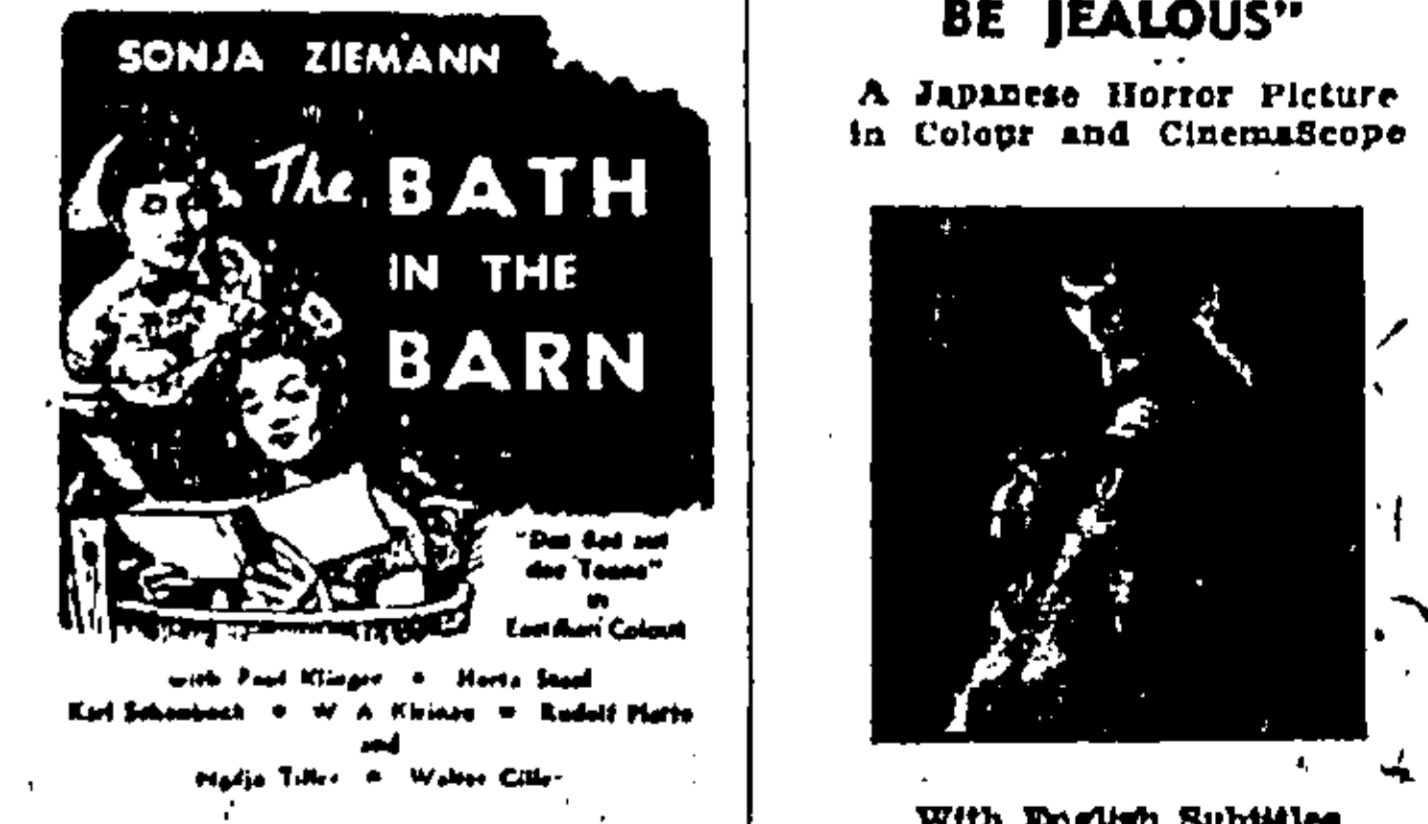
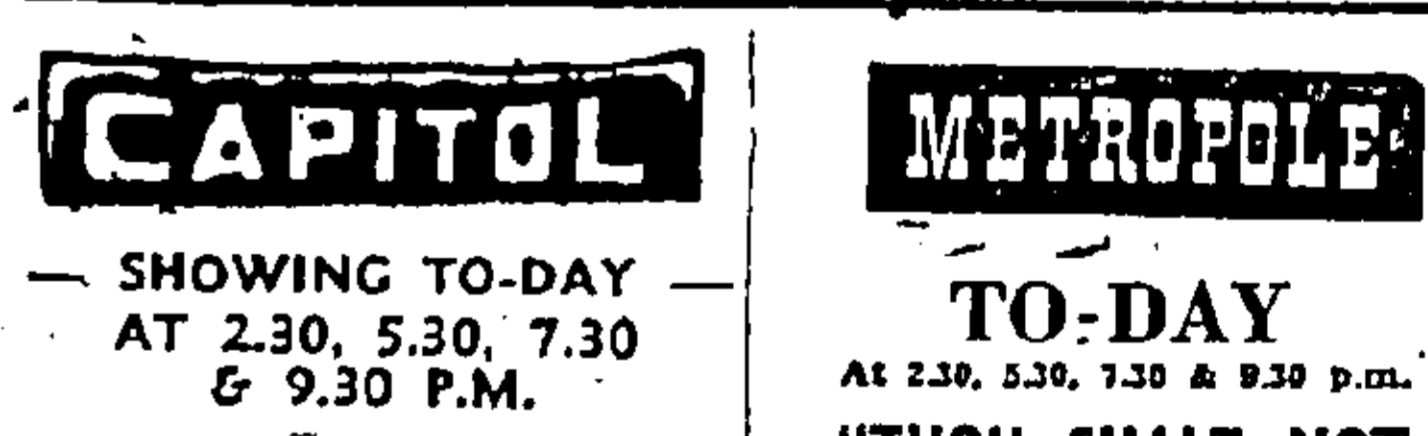
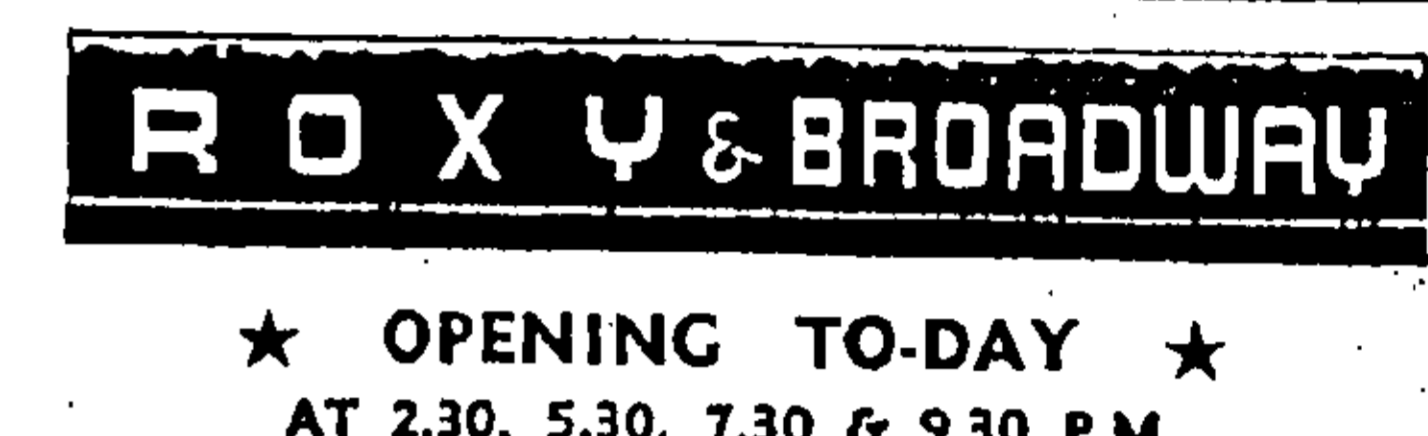
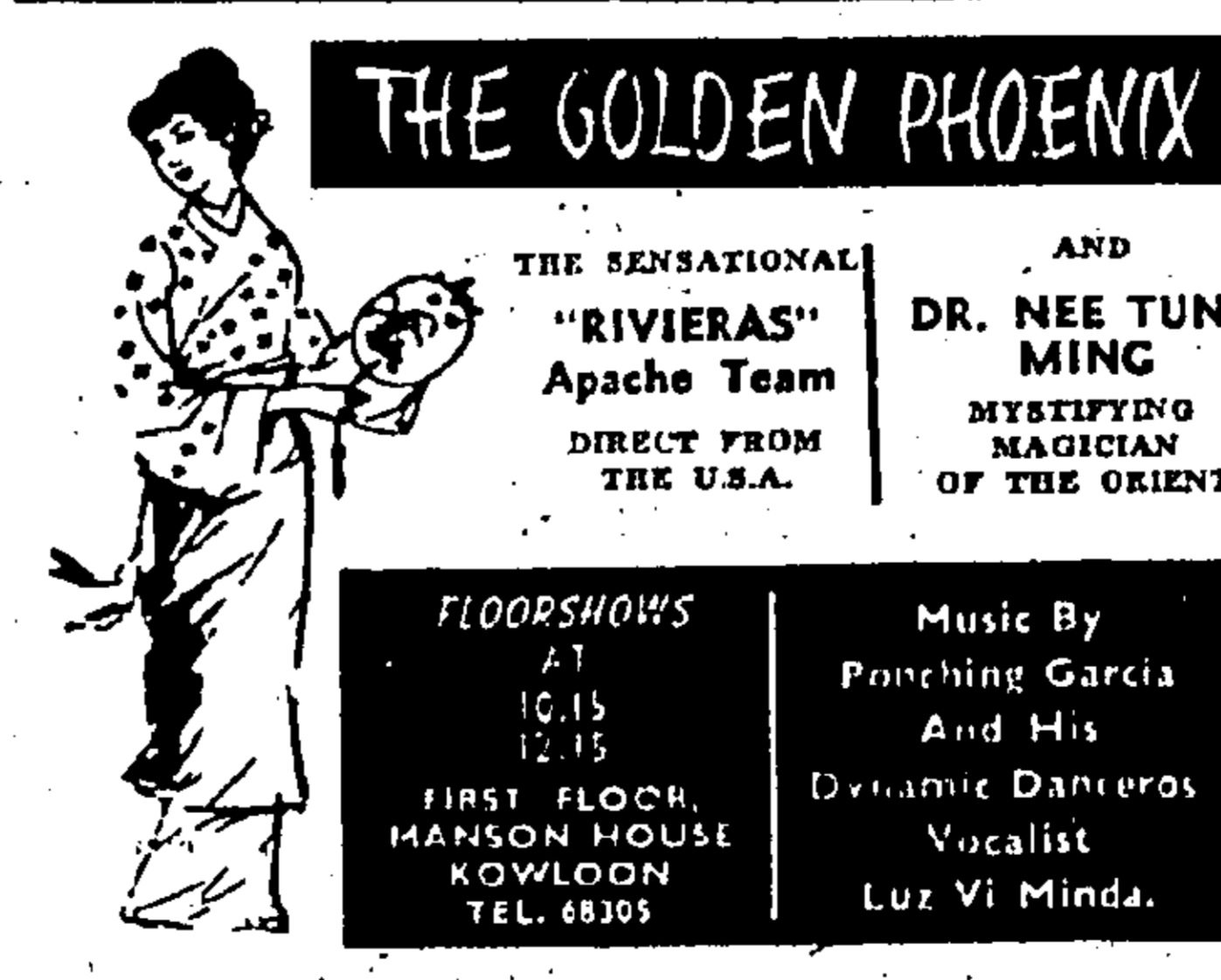
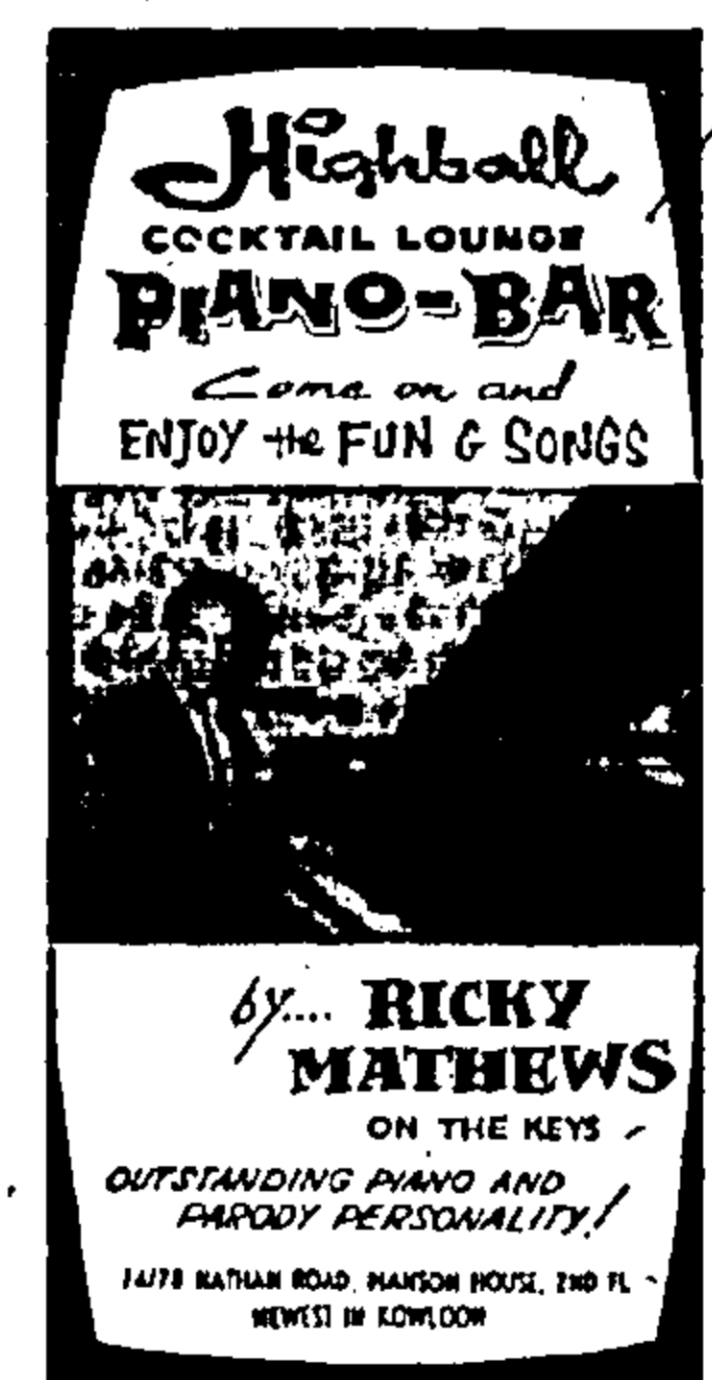


The present Duchess of Argyll and the Duke.

Queen's Greetings

London, Dec. 21.
Queen Elizabeth on Monday cabled greetings to the Shah and the new Queen of Iran.

The Royal message read: "On the auspicious occasion of your Imperial Majesty's marriage, my husband and I send our warm congratulations and best wishes for your happiness and that of your consort."—AP.



JERUSALEM!



The road out of Bethany threw a tawny girdle around the hill they called the Mount of Olives, and the little parties came up slowly out of the east. They came from all corners of the country in obedience to Caesar Augustus who had ordered all his subjects to return to the cities of their fathers and there be counted for the purpose of levying an equitable tax.

Among those parties was Joseph, a 19-year-old carpenter, and his wife Mary who was fifteen. Mary, swaying with fatigue and large with child, sat on the joggling back of their ass as they reached the top of the rise. "Jerusalem," Joseph said, pointing. She looked. The wonder of what she saw caused the nausea to fade. Her eyes lost the glazed look. Joseph opened his mouth again, but what his eyes saw made his mind drunk and stilled his tongue....

It was a thing to see. The late sun was ahead, across the hill behind Jerusalem. The city was a white jewel pronged by the great stone wall around it. Joseph pulled the ass to the side of the road because the pilgrims behind him were shouting. Without turning from the scene, he moved back along the flank of the ass until he touched Mary's hand. "Jerusalem," he said again. He said it as though it was an earthly ant-room to paradise, as indeed it was.

The sun would be gone in ten minutes and there was much to see because he could not stay in Jerusalem. His destination, Bethlehem, was still five miles to the south, but he did not mind the night walk if he could stop a moment and drink in all of this and remember it when he was old as sharply as though he was still standing on the side of the Mount of Olives, directly above a little olive press called Gethsemane.

His eyes, and Mary's too, moved in little darting glances, and they longed to exclaim to each other but there were no words. This was where God lived. They had been told many times that He did not live in the little synagogues around the country of Judea and far out in the diaspora. The synagogues were there to remind the Jews of God, to remind them of their duty never to live more than ninety days travel from the Great Temple of Jerusalem, never to fall, whenever possible, to go to Jerusalem for the Passover. Each year at the time of the first seder, 300,000 Jews lived in the city and in the hilly fields around it.

Sacrifice

Below was the Valley of Kidron, with the full little river running cold below the east wall of the temple. Grey-blue smoke hung still in the sky over the temple prayer. There were the last sacrifices of the day, the last baby lambs on the altar. Inside, there were 7,000 levitical priests to ascertain that each lamb, before sacrifice, was without blemish, and in the courtyard to the north were animals and birds to be bought for sacrifice.

The Porch of Solomon faced them, the marble walk and corinthian columns gleaming like teeth in a 700-foot mouth. Down the side of the

great temple was the snowy stone wall, hung with a cluster of solid gold grapes four stories high. In the valley, the Golden Gate and the Fountain Gate and slowly repurged the last of the temple pilgrims for the day. From their height, they could look across the enclosed city and see Herod's palace on the far side, a little south of the place called Gethsemane.

Softly, haltingly, Joseph found his voice and, as he drank in the exquisite and almost fearful beauty, he began to tell the story to his wife.

She knew the story as well as he, but she listened dutifully, interested, a word here and there, or a question. He reminded her that he came of the family of David, even though his branch was small and poor. It was David's son Solomon who built this. He had commissioned Hiram, the King of Tyre, to draw the plans and do the engineering. The work was finished in seven years, a miracle of goodness. The temple was on Ornan's flock. It was 1,600 feet long and 970 feet wide. The bigger the temple got, the more remote Solomon felt from God and he needed the solace of women, so on the Mount of Olives to the left he had built a palace and placed therein five hundred concubines.

The sin needed washing and, long after Solomon reported, the Jews split into two nations—Juda and Israel—and the Babylonians defeated them and reduced the walls of Jerusalem. Now the Jews were the chattels of Roman emperors and the Caesars appointed the Herods as kings to rule the people.

The Herod who sat in that palace on the far side of the city proclaimed himself a Jew and made daily sacrifices, but he was not even a good hypocrite. Joseph had heard the elders talk about it in Nazareth, and they averted their eyes when they recalled his crimes. He bent his knee to Rome. He married Mariamne, and, after she bore him two sons, Herod became plagued and had the three slain. He married ten times and he was so cruel that Caesar Augustus in Rome said that it was safer to be Herod's pig than Herod's son. This was a sacrilegious joke on the dietary laws, and Joseph did not like to repeat it.

Still—how could one say it?—he had also done good things for God. He had paid ten thousand workmen to repair the temple and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. He made temple spires of alabaster and they glistened pink in the morning sun. He built a great outer portico around the temple and this was called The Court of

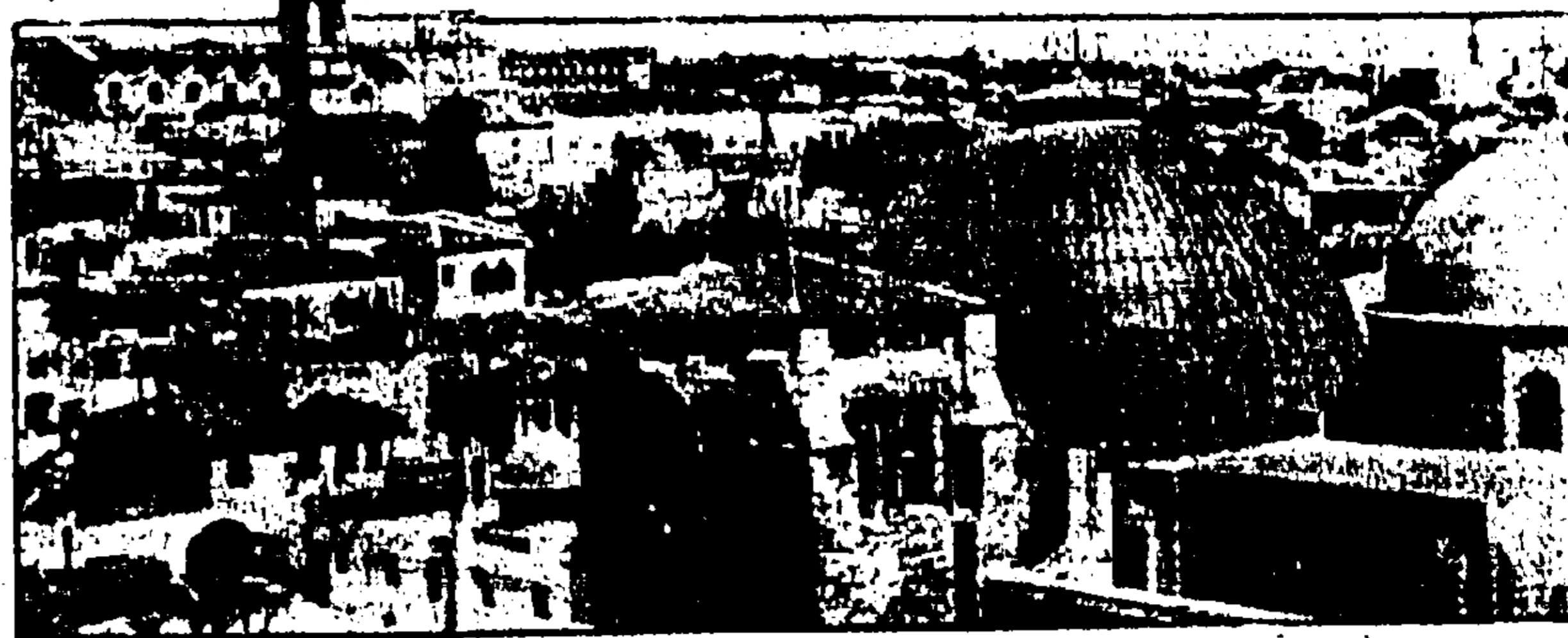
the Gentiles. Non-believers could walk this far. The next inner walk was called the Court of Israel. Signs proclaimed that any non-believer who walked this far in the temple was liable to death.

Colour

Then came the smaller court of priests, and beyond it the temple itself. This consisted of two huge chambers. The outer was the Holy—inner was the Holy of Holies. In front of the Holy was a heavy veil embroidered with all the known flowers of the earth, in rich colour, and a variety of the fruits of the earth. "Darkness is upon us," said Mary. She had a feeling of foreboding. She wanted to proceed to Bethlehem for no reason other than that she was trembling and the baby was unusually quiet.

Joseph stopped in mid-speech. He knew that she would not interrupt him unless there was a reason. He asked if she desired to get down and have privacy. She said no and, without further conversation, he led the ass westward into the valley and across the little wooden bridge over the Kidron and beneath the great wall of the city and then by the Valley of Hinnom and on up into the

It was a thing of beauty glittering in the late sun—fearful and exquisite....



JERUSALEM today, still as beautiful as on that Christmas day almost 2,000 years ago.

taken, perhaps to a far off place, never again to see her mother and her father and—Joseph?

She said nothing. She tried to look away, not only because of terror but because it was considered bad manners in Judea for one to stare directly in the eyes of another, but her eyes were magnetised. She stared, and lowered her eyes, and stared again.

Gabriel's voice softened. "Do not tremble, Mary," he said. "You have found favour in the eyes of God. Behold: you are to be a mother and to bear a son, and to call him Jesus. He will be great: 'Son of the Most High' will be his title, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father, David. He will be king over the house of Jacob forever, and to his kingdom there will be no end."

The words did not mollify Mary. Vaguely, she understood that she was to be the mother of a King of kings, but who might this be and how could it occur when she was not even married? "How will this be," she said shyly, "since I remain a virgin?"

Specific

It was Gabriel's turn to become specific. He stood in soft radiance in the room and explained. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. For this reason the child to be born will be acclaimed 'Holy' and 'Son of God'." She now understood the words, but they added to her bewilderment. What the angel was saying, she reasoned, was something for which the Jews had been waiting for centuries. A messiah, a saviour, God came to earth as he had promised long ago. Mary shook her head. Not to her. Not to her.

Gabriel sensed that the child needed more proof. "Note, moreover," he said, "your relative Elizabeth, in her old age, has also conceived a son and is now in her sixth month—she who was called 'The barren.' Nothing indeed is impossible with God."

Her eyes lowered to the eastern floor, and her head inclined too, she comprehended. She also understood that the angel had told her about her old Aunt Elizabeth, whom she had not seen in some time, so that the fruitfulness of her kinswoman would be the earthly seal of proof to the heavenly words. She, a young virgin, was to be blessed by the Holy Spirit and she would bear a male child who would be God. It was an enormous honour, but she had been taught to accept and obey the will of God from the first moments of early understanding.

"Rejoice, for the humble servant of the Lord," she murmured. "May all that you have said be fulfilled in me." The angel stood before her in silence, fading slowly from her vision, bit by bit until all that was visible was the wall. Her impulse was to run and find her mother. She must tell. She must ask counsel. She must convince her mother that she was not inventing a story. Exultation came and it was transmuted to anguish. It was not a dream. Or was it? Could one dream, standing wide awake in one's house?

A dream?

No, it was not a dream. She knew that it could not be, because she could not have devised the words that Gabriel used. Now, for a moment, she had trouble remembering them. She wrung her hands and prayed for recollection. Full recollection. She had to know every word and, more important, to understand every word. She prayed and thought and prayed and, little by little, the words and phrases returned until, like a familiar litany, she could recite them without hesitation.

She thought again of her mother and decided not to tell. If the angel wanted her mother to know, he would have come when her mother was at home, so that both of them would have knowledge of this thing. He had deliberately selected a time when she was alone. Therefore, it must be the will of God that she keep the secret. Anyway, if her mother or anyone else knew the secret, they would tell it to her, and thus she would know which business God had selected to know of the honour.

Surely, she thought, Joseph would know. He was her intended husband. The angel would have to tell Joseph. If he didn't, then, what would Joseph think when she became great with child and he knew that the baby was not his? Oh yes, the angel would surely tell Joseph.

TOMORROW:
ELIZABETH

PART TWO

The Nativity Of Jesus

By JIM BISHOP

Joseph knew her, even though he was four years older. All houses in Nazareth were in the same neighbourhood because it was a small town. The biggest event that could occur in Nazareth was for a father to take his children to the nearby Greek city of Sepphoris to shop in the bazaar. The people were knit closely in their daily lives, and the women met in the morning at the village well.

Marriage

When Mary reached her thirteenth birthday, it was permissible to ask for her in marriage. The proper form was followed. Joseph first asked his parents if he could marry Mary. He was seventeen, an apprentice carpenter in the neighbourhood and more than a year away from having his own shop. It was assumed that a serious-minded young Jew of seventeen was a responsible adult.

Joseph's parents discussed the matter of marriage and, in time, paid a formal call on Mary's parents. The entire neighbourhood knew in advance what negotiations were at hand, and, from draped doorway to draped doorway, the women discussed it as they washed the stones in front of their houses. Mary was not supposed to know of the matter, but had ex-facto knowledge of it all along and had made known her wishes to her mother and father. Joseph, who thought it was a deep pending secret, was amazed and embarrassed to find that the boys and the tradesmen were not only aware of his wishes, but looked at him archly, stroked their beards, and made him the butt of unsmiling jests.

The parents engaged in their formal discussion. It was necessary, as part of the ceremony, to talk of a dowry, but Mary's people had none. Their economic status was no better, no worse, than Joseph's, as long as the man of the house remained in good health, they would not starve.

When the two mothers and two fathers were agreed, the qiddushin took place. This is a formal betrothal, and much more binding than any other. The

Frightened

Joseph was frightened. He knew nothing of these things. The thinking Mary did about the events leading to this right time was a kaleidoscope of happy and mysterious and supernatural things calculated to unnerve the most serene young lady in the world. To have a first baby is, in itself, a lowering of the most common miracle, a sad tenderness to constrict the heart and mist the eyes. To give birth to a first born who is God and the Son of God and the Second Person of the Holy Trinity is, at age fifteen or any greater age, a greater responsibility than any man ever bore, an enormity of weight which could be maintained only by one too young to appreciate it to its fullest.

Mary was born and raised in Nazareth, the child of an average family. She played on the streets, as the other children did, and she was subject to the average parental discipline.

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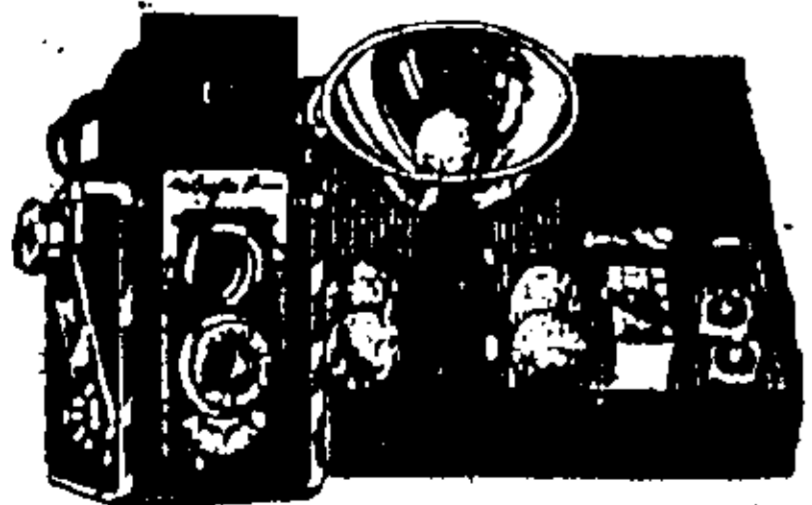
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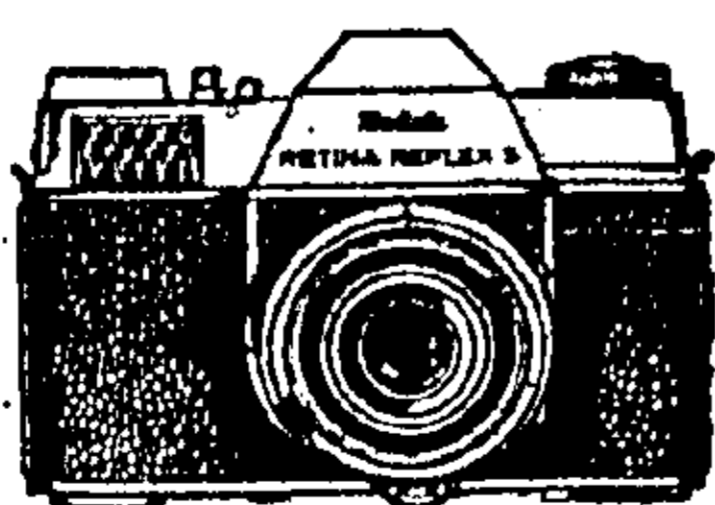
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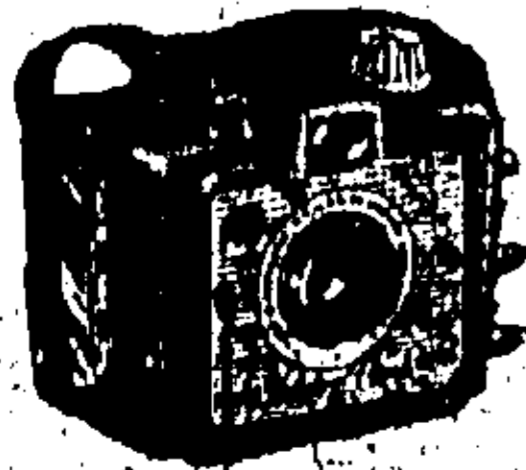
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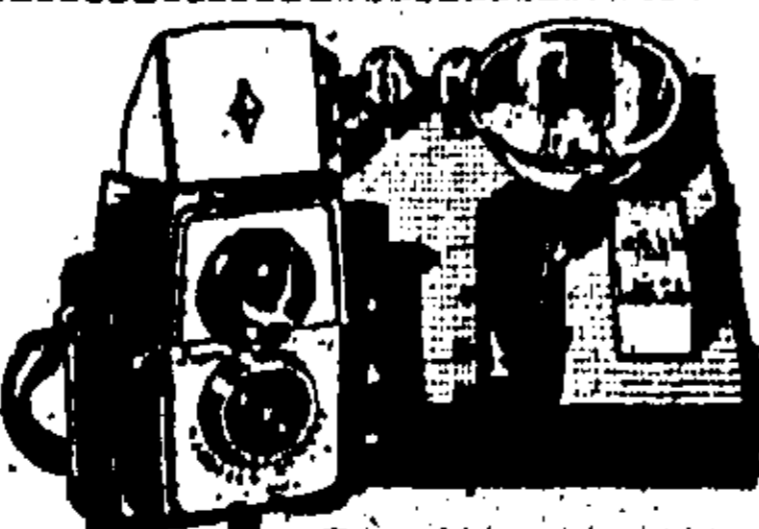
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your
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horoscope

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): When formulating plans for the coming year, you should take your family more into your confidence.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): In your effort to obtain the best things in life, you must avoid emulating those who achieve success by unscrupulous means.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Only a very convincing argument will make you change your point of view on a matter about which you have formed a firm opinion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do not enter into any permanent commitments this week with a person born under the sign of Aries.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Your love of music will find plenty of scope this week and you might get a very special record as a gift.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Your appreciation of good food and luxurious living will be amply satisfied during the week's celebrations.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Don't be so modest in

evaluating your own worth; your popularity is proof that people find you worth knowing.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Use this week to relieve yourself of the strain of the past few months by having a good rest away from your usual routine.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): You will have a splendid chance this week to press people who may influence your future.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Since you have to delegate quite a lot of important detail work, you must make sure to select the right people to do it for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Try not to impose your opinion too much on others; they may have quite a valuable point of view themselves.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): You should not neglect some of your friends in favour of others.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If today is your birthday, look out for SKY BLUE. It ought to bring you luck.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

TAKE a look at the North and South hands only. You are South and find yourself in a seven-trump contract. You might have reached it on a series of bids but you did open with a shaded three-no-trump and you realise you had better make the grand slam or hear words from your partner. You also note that you have 12 top tricks and need to locate the queen of clubs for your thirteenth.

How are you going to go about locating this card? Just guess? Toss a coin? Or is there a better way?

There sure is! You can count the hand.

Just run off your four spades, three hearts and three diamonds. West follows to all 10 leads so you have accounted for 10 of his cards. Could he have three clubs left? The answer is, "No!"

If you have watched East also he failed to follow to the third heart. This means that West started with five hearts. Add four spades and three diamonds to those five hearts and you have counted 12 of West's cards.

He can't have more than one club. Hence, you lead a club to

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STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Squire's Troubles

—All His Tenants Moved Away For The Winter—

By MAX TRELL

"Poor old Squire Squirrel!"

Poor old Squirrel! He's in trouble again!"

These words were spoken by Chirpie Sparrow, who had come to the window sill for his morning bread crumbs which Hand, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, had conveniently spread out for him.

For the next minute or two Chirpie ate a crumb and said: "Poor Squire Squirrel!" and ate another crumb and said: "Poor Squire Squirrel!"

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MCC Open W. Indies Tour

WINDWARD ISLANDS ALL
OUT FOR 89 ON FIRST
DAY OF 3-DAY MATCH

Grenada, Dec. 21.

The local saying here is that the visit of a touring cricket side is usually the sign of the end of a long drought season. And the visit of the MCC team this time was no exception for it really rained last night.

Although this morning broke bright and sunny the rain returned about two hours before England was due to start its first match of its West Indies tour against the Windward Islands.

There was apprehension in the rival sides even though the jute matting wicket had been covered. There were pools of water on both sides of the wicket.

Cable From Benaud

While formalities were taking place for this three-day MCC manager Walter Benaud revealed that he had just received a cable from Richie Benaud, the Australian skipper wishing to exchange five in India for the beautiful beaches of Barbados and Grenada.

Robins replied thanking him and telling him they were looking forward to seeing the Australians in England in 1960-61. Robins also sent the best regards of his players and of the West Indies.

There were three inspections by Peter May and Frank Mason, the captain after which it was decided that play would start after lunch.

There was a crowd of about 600 and Robins, anxious to get on with the game so as not to disappoint the spectators, suggested an early meal.

It rained again during lunch and after a fourth inspection at 12.30 local time it was agreed to start play at 1.45.

Won Toss

May won the toss, an important one to win under the circumstances, and decided to send the Windward Islands to bat.

The last-minute omission of Minnie Phillips, Saint Lucia batsman, from the team sparked a controversy and many here claimed it would harm cricket relationships among the smaller islands as Phillips was the only player invited from Saint Lucia and is a player of promise.

John Steele of Grenada and Eldon Bramble of Saint Vincent opened, Freddie Trueman bowled from the southern end to Steele, using three slips, gully, fine leg, backward square-leg, mid-on and cover. After Steele singled, Trueman twice beat Bramble and immediately put another man in the slip.

Subba Row at third slip dropped a catch as Bramble snicked an outswinger from Trueman straight to his hands before Bramble had scored.

The wicket was easy-paced and pacemen could extract very little life from it.

The MCC got their first wicket after 25 minutes when Steele stabbed at one from Trueman and Subba Row made no mistake this time.

Taking the catch at his ankle, however, the batsman waited for umpire Seppie Lacerette to give him out. He had looked fairly comfortable during his short stay for eight which included a squarecut for four off Trueman.

Evelyn Gresham of Grenada came next, and shortly after, a drizzle sent the players scrambling to the pavilion. But they were back before the covers were put on.

After umpire Bede Fletcher had no-balled Moss, Bramble had his second life off Trueman as Greenough at third slip dropped the catch.

Bramble was three and the total 15.

No Assistance

With the wicket giving the pacemen no assistance whatever, the pair dug themselves in and the first hour produced 30 runs although Trueman and Moss were bowling well within themselves.

The first change came after an hour's play when leg-spinner Tommy Greenough replaced Moss. Bramble was 11 and Gresham 10. Moss had been very steady and accurate but against batsmen who took no chances felled without reward.

Trueman with his marathon run continued bowling at the other end.

With the sun giving the wicket a spot of life, Trueman was now getting his deliveries to lift past the batsmen's ears but he was rested after a spell of 11-27-1 and off-spinner Ray Illingworth came on in his place bowling to an attacking field.

Windwards lost their second wicket at 37 when Bramble's luck at last deserted him as he was leg before to Greenough for 16 minutes. He never really looked happy.

Alphonso Roberts, regarded as the best Windwards batsman, came next with Gresham on 13 and Greenough having bowled four consecutive maiden overs. Roberts, who looks everything like Everton Weekes at the wicket, hit-out Illingworth daintily for a single and then

immediately fell leg before in Greenough as he offered a defensive stroke and failed to make contact.

This made Windwards 39 for three and Greenough had taken two of these without conceding a run. However, the enterprising Owen Jackson of Saint Vincent who came in next tore into him and swung a first delivery to midwicket boundary and raced into double figures, sending up the 50 at the same time.

Windwards lost their fourth wicket at 57 when Gresham's fine knock was ended when Geoff Pullar at backward square-leg hit the wicket down with a very fine throw as the batsmen tried for a second run.

Tyrone Walker of Grenada, a hard-hitting left-hander, joined Jackson and the two were still there when tea was taken with Jackson 15 and Walker four.

Before tea leg-spinner Barrington and bowled three overs for 25 many runs. Two were maidens. He had relieved Illingworth whose spell was 5-0-8-0.

Surprisingly May did not bring back his pacemen before tea.

Greenough bowled Walker first ball after tea and Moss was given his second spell this time from the southern end where Trueman had bowled so well.

No-Balled

Moss was no-balled a second time for dragging. He was again no-balled in his next two overs, but took the sixth wicket when he had Brisbane leg before for one and Windwards were 70 for six.

Redhead brought life to the game by twice clouting Greenough to long-on and long-off boundaries. But it was too good to last and the partnership ended when Jackson took a dip at Barrington's leg - spinner and lofted it to backward mid-off where Subba Row made a fine catch. Jackson batted 70 minutes and hit one four. The score was now 88 for seven.

After Jackson went, Greenough and Barrington made quick work of the tall and Windwards were all out for 89 made in 105 minutes.—AFP.

O'Neill Will Not
Play In English
League Cricket

Sydney, Dec. 21.

Australian Test batsman Norman O'Neill will not play in English cricket next year, it was learned here today.

O'Neill, who is currently with the Australian touring team in India, has been offered £200 to play for the East Lancashire club.

A spokesman for the Sydney firm which employs O'Neill said today: "We feel that Lancashire League cricket would be a step down in Norman's development. No Australian cricketer has returned having gained from such a venture."

O'Neill's father commented: "His career is far more important than cricket at the moment." —China Mail Special.

MILKHA SINGH
NAMED ASIA'S
TOP ATHLETE

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.

The Helms Athletic Foundation has selected what it considers the world's greatest amateur athletes from six continents.

Recipients of the 1959 Helms World Trophy were Sandra Reynolds, South Africa (tennis); Milkha Singh, India (track and field); Jon Konrad, Australia (swimming); Karl Martin Lauer, Germany (fencing); Ray Norton, U.S.A. (track and field) and Maria Bueno, Brazil (tennis).

The Helms Hall Board annually selects the athletes from six continents—Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America. The selections date back to 1898. The board is composed of Los Angeles sports editors, in addition to chairman Paul Helms and director W. R. Schroeder.

Those honoured will receive a silver plaque award and have his or her name engraved upon

the Helms World Trophy in Helms Hall.

The Foundation said it is possible that the awards for Milkha Singh, Konrad and Lauer (all of whom are 1960 Olympic Games aspirants) will be presented in Rome next year. Presentations to Miss Reynolds and Miss Bueno will possibly be made in their homelands early in 1960.

The Helms recommendation chairman for the various continents are:

Africa — Ira Emery; Asia — Duncan White; Europe — P.H. Pilley; South America — Dr. Luis Galvez Chilgosa; and the Australia Olympic Committee composed of Sir H. G. Alderson, H. I. Austind, Ern Cowley, Ben Kerville, R. J. McPherson, P. H. Pizzey, Arthur J. Hodsdon and Hugh Weir.—AP.

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AN INNINGS

Adelaide, Dec. 21.

New South Wales, the Sheffield Shield Champions, beat South Australia by an innings and 58 runs here today. They won with a day to spare.

South Australia, dismissed for 118 in their first innings in reply to New South Wales' 333, failed again today and were all out for a second innings score of 157 after resuming at 75 for three.

Their hopes of staging a fighting finish faded when overnight batsman Noll Dennis was dismissed by left-arm spinner John Martin 10 minutes after the start of play. Dennis was top scorer with 10.—China Mail Special.

W. Australia
Declare

Perth, Dec. 21.

Bobby Simpson, Western Australia's free-scoring batsman, carried his Saturday total of 205 to 230 not out today before his State declared at 390 for nine against Queensland here.

At the end of the third day's play in the Sheffield Shield game, Queensland who were 117 in their first innings, were 137 for two, and needed 145 more runs to avoid an innings defeat.

Today's scores were: Queensland 117 and 137 for two (R. Reynolds 50 not out). Western Australia 399 for nine declared (R. Simpson 230 not out, B. Shepherd 44, J. Freeman four for 124).—China Mail Special.

Holt To Fight
Halafhi For
Empire Title

Johannesburg, Dec. 21.

Mike Holt (South Africa) has accepted an offer to fight Johnny Halafhi (Tanzania) in London on February 2 for the vacant British Empire light heavyweight boxing title, it was announced here today.

Holt and Halafhi are the outstanding contenders for the title left vacant by the retirement last month of the holder, Canada's Yvon Durelle. They have fought each other once before—in London last November 17 when they boxed to a draw.—Reuter.

LORD'S CRICKET GROUND
VALUED AT £9,000
BY LAND TRIBUNAL

London, Dec. 22.

Lord's, home of English cricket and secret goal of schoolboy cricketers from Capetown to Karachi, has had its assessment for rates boosted by £4,000.

The Lands Tribunal here dismissed an appeal by the MCC, ruling body of the sport, whose home is at Lord's—against the valuation of the famous cricket ground.

It allowed an appeal by the local valuation officer that the rateable value of the ground should be £9,000.

Double Appeal
The Tribunal had been considering a double appeal by the MCC against a decision of the London valuation court two years ago. This reduced the rateable value of Lord's from £9,456 to £5,000.

The MCC had sought a further reduction to £3,500 and the valuation officer asked for a valuation of £15,000, adding that he would agree to a rateable value of £9,456 again.

Giving the Tribunal's judgment, Mr. John Watson said that they were satisfied on the evidence that the only practical use of Lord's was as a cricket ground and it must be valued as such.

Lord's had been described as the "Cathedral of Cricket" and the evidence showed that those who ran Lord's were concerned with something which went far deeper than the mere fostering of a game, the running of a club or the entertainment of the public.

'Unique Institution'
Mr. Watson continued: "The MCC is a unique institution which acts as a guardian not only of the technical but of the spiritual traditions of cricket which its members rightly conceive as reflecting one of the best aspects of English life."

Mr. Watson added that assuming the MCC ceased to exist, they had considered carefully whether some substitute body might be created to take over Lord's which would be able to pay a higher rent. They had decided to the contrary.

"The evidence goes to show that, happily or unhappily, in this country cricket as a means of public entertainment is not a business proposition. That is why the MCC in common with other cricket clubs, depends upon subscriptions to balance its budget."

At an earlier hearing suggestions were put forward but rejected for such plans a playing football on the ground during the winter and staging a cricket match between male and female film stars.—China Mail Special.

Thai Shuttle
Aces Boycott
Thailand
Championships

Bangkok, Dec. 21.

The all-Thailand badminton championships which started here today proved to be a failure when Thai stars including International known Charoen Wattanasin and Thanee Khanjady decided at the last moment not to play.

The Unity Club, of which the two are members, decided to ban the tournament saying some players from abroad are not members in any club and thus are playing against rules and regulations.

With the present entries, it is almost certain that the men's singles final will be between Denmark's Erlend Kops and India's T. N. Sath. Results of today's matches were:

Men's Singles
Thailand's Chavalers Chuh-khum walked over Pricha also of Thailand.

Thailand's Charnernong beat Thailand's Kinscha Seeheng, 15-2, 15-2.

Thailand's Somsook beat Thailand's Lertchal Chakdi, 15-7, 15-7.

Malaya's Women's Singles
Malaya's Buppa walked over Thailand's Somsewal Boonthanon.

Thailand's Sumon Chanklam beat Thailand's Usnee Mahakanok, 11-1, 12-8.

Men's Doubles
Thailand's Chavalers and Charnernong beat Thailand's Lertchal and Pinal.

Thailand's Somsook and Ratana walked over Thailand's Kanok and Somak.

Women's Doubles
India's women's champion Moemashah teamed up with Thailand's Usnee Mahakanok to beat Malaya's Rosy Lo and Gene Moy, 18-15, 15-12.

All-England women's champion Heather M. Ward of South Africa teamed up with Thailand's Pankae Pongarm and walked over Thailand's Buppa and Vilai.—UPI.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY
Racing
Auction of race pony, "Hylamion" at Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.
Entries close for HK Jockey Club Sixth Race Meeting, noon.
Boxing
Land Forces Individual Boring Championships at Gun Club Hill, 2.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW
Cricket
Youngsays Shield match between KGV and DBS at KCC, 9.30 a.m.
Rugby
Army v Rest at HKFA Stadium, 7.15 p.m.

Boxing
Land Forces Individual Championships at Gun Club Hill, 2.30 p.m.
Meeting
Hongkong Chinese Football Association, Interport Sub-Committee meeting, CNAF Building, 9 p.m.

Drastic Revision Of
England's Rugby Teams
For Final Trial

London, Dec. 21.

England Rugby Union team selectors today made another drastic revision as only seven members of the Probables, beaten 9-3 by the Possibles on Saturday at Exeter, were retained for the third and final selection match on January 2 at Twickenham.

The wholesale reshuffling is not surprising in view of the fact that England has not scored a single try since its match against France in 1958. Only four players—M. Phillips, A. Rissman, L. Webb and J. Currie—remain from the last Rugby 15 to represent England.

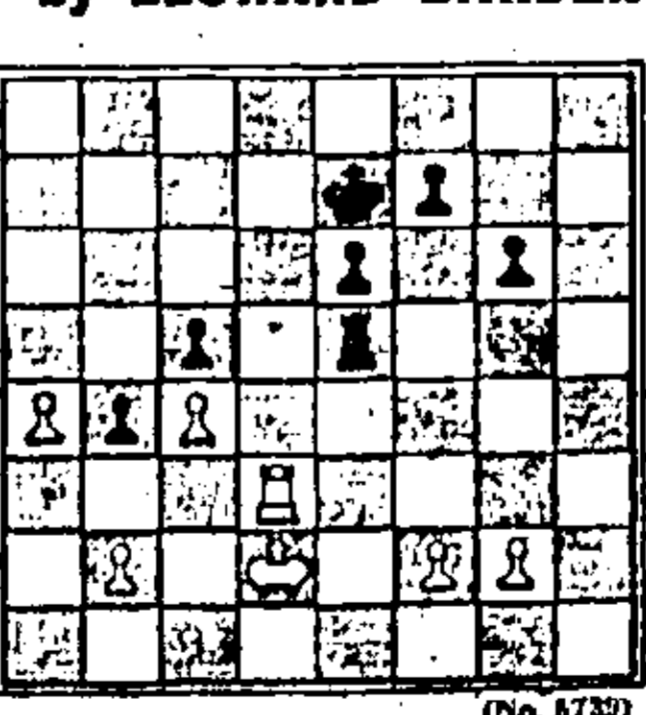
The seven retained for the final selection match are: J. Young, R. Jeeps, P. Wright, P.

Probables
D. Rutherford (Herey Park); M. Blackmore (Barnstable), M. Phillips (Oxford), H. Brown (Blackheath) and J. Young (Harlequins); A. Rissman (Manchester) and J. Jeeps (Northampton — Captain); D. Willis (Wespe), W. Morgan (Medcals) and P. Ryan (Richmond); C. Payne (Oxford) and J. Currie (Harlequins); P. Wright (Blackheath); S. Hodgson (Durham C.Y.) hooker, and L. Webb (Bedford).

Possibles
J. Hetherington (Northampton); P. Jackson (Coventry), M. Weston (Richmond), W. Patterson and J. Roberts (Sale); R. Sharp (Oxford) and J. Williams (Old Millhill); R. Syrett (Wespe), S. Wilcock (Oxford) and P. Robbins (Moseley); J. Price (Coventry) and R. Marques (Harlequins — Captain); G. Murray (Oxford), H. Godwin (Coventry), hooker, and J. Rainforth (Cambridge).—AFP.

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by LEONARD BARDEN



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London Express Service.

TAE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



HOT WATER

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WITH GAS

New Syndicate Formed To Promote World Heavyweight Fight

New York, Dec. 21.

A new syndicate of 10 people for the organisation of the return world heavyweight title bout between champion Ingemar Johansson of Sweden and American Floyd Patterson has just been formed by Roy Cohn, former Legal Counsel for the Senate Investigation Subcommittee on anti-American activities presided by the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, it was announced here today.

Cohn will present the syndicate's projects to the New York Athletic Commission tomorrow for its approval.

The Cohn group has already acquired for \$150,000 two thirds of the shares in the boxing promotion company "Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc." which promoted the first Johansson-Patterson bout on June 26 and which holds the contract for the return bout. The shares were bought from Harlem politician and lawyer Vincent Vellela whose company's promotion licence was recently suspended by the Commission.

Negotiating

The group is negotiating with Bill Rosensohn, former president of "Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc." who promoted the June 26 fight, for the remaining third of the shares. Rosensohn's licence was also suspended by the Commission.

Cohn talked over his plans by telephone with the champion's manager Edwin Ahlquist. In the event that the champion and his manager accept the group's proposal, and if the proposal receives approval from the New York Boxing Commission, the match would take place toward mid-June. —AFP.

Soccer Soccer

French Soccer club Boulogne have installed a punchball on their ground — for the use of steamed-up spectators! A notice asks fans to leave the referee, line-man and players alone, and adds: "If there should be any reason for your anger take it out of the punchball." —Banews Service.

Althea Gibson Hits Out Against Segregation

Norfolk, Virginia, Dec. 21. Former Wimbledon queen Althea Gibson, the only Negro ever to win the unofficial amateur crown of lawn tennis, walked on to a court here for professional exhibition match last night and made some sharp comments on segregation.

Playing against a white opponent, Miss Gibson looked up at the galleries, and saw that Negro and white spectators were seated in segregated areas as required by Virginia law. "I don't like it," she said, "I didn't know this sort of thing still existed. This is a sport, an international thing—and yet you have some people sitting here and some people sitting there."

Later she said: "There's only one difference between us—our colour...do these people (the white spectators) think there is such a big difference that they have to sit by themselves?" "I don't want to skirt the law," she explained, "but there must be something wrong with the law. Just think—adults acting like this." —China Mail Special.



Is Unlucky Leicester A Hoodoo Side?

Does a hoodoo lie over Leicester City? Are they doomed to flit continually in the never-never land that separates the First and Second Divisions? A yo-yo team that alternates between the relegation and promotion zones? A Cinderella side?

I can't remember an unluckier club. Nothing ever seems to go right for them. They have become a manager's nightmare, four of whom have held the reins in the past 10 years.

In the Cup, they have been drawn against one of the eventual finalists more often than any other club in post-war years. And whenever they look like finding a match-winning League combination, injuries or transfer requests arrive to break it up.

Typical of their luck was the Cup Final of '48. They reached Wembley as a Second Division side and for once it seemed as though success was within their grasp.

Truly Great

But on the eve of this match against Wolves came the news that Don Revie, the mastermind behind City's attack, was injured and out of the side.

Then followed the offside decision against Ken Chisholm which virtually ended their hopes, a decision which is still argued about today.

It would be easy to say that Leicester are simply too good for the Second and not good enough for the First...easy, but not very logical.

Haven't recently promoted Fulham, West Ham, Sheffield Wednesday and Blackburn shown us that Second Division leaders walk in the highest company?

Leicester too would seem to have everything a top club could want...a fine ground, strong support and plenty of

talent. Some of the most colourful figures in post-war football have played under their banner, and, oddly enough, some of the unluckiest.

Take Don Revie for instance. Here was a man who I think should have gone down into history as one of the truly great players of the post-war era.

Restless Genius

He could so easily have become England's answer to the brilliant Hungarian Hidekuli and achieved the same kind of success. For Don in his favourite role of deep-lying centre-forward had few peers.

His long, through passes were uncannily accurate and there was a touch of real genius in his positional play. But it was a restless brand of genius, and he has become a soccer wanderer, never seeming to find much happiness along the way.

For me, Filbert Street is a ground with many memories. There was the time when I collided with Ted Jelly, fractured my jaw and spent the night in the Leicester Infirmary.

And there have been battles against my old England team-mate Jack Froggatt, the ball-playing Johnny Morris, talented Welshman Mal Griffiths, the high-scoring Arthur Howley and the much under-rated Charlie Adam. Charlie is a particular pal of mine and we served together in Italy during the war.

One incident which has always amused me occurred

during an Army coaching course. There were several professionals including Stan Cullis, Andy Beattie, Willie Thornton, George Hamilton, Charlie and myself and we were all supposed to make a brief speech.

When it came to Charlie's turn, this man, who feared nothing on the field, became plagued with stage-fright. He stood looking at his audience for almost a minute without saying a word. Then to their great surprise, he thanked them for listening and stepped down from the stage.

Tide Is Turning

I don't somehow think that Winston Churchill has much to fear from Charlie.

What lies ahead for Leicester? Today, most of the big names have disappeared from their ranks, but I have a hunch that the tide is turning.

No side that enters the Molineux den and emerges with a 3-0 victory, deserves to be hovering around the foot of the table.

Could it be that this hoodoo which virtually began in that Final against Wolves 10 years ago has been lifted by this dramatic win over the same club?

I don't necessarily expect Leicester to rocket towards the head of the table. But I believe their Cinderella days will be soon coming to an end. And if they have a little luck along the way, no one will begrudge them that.

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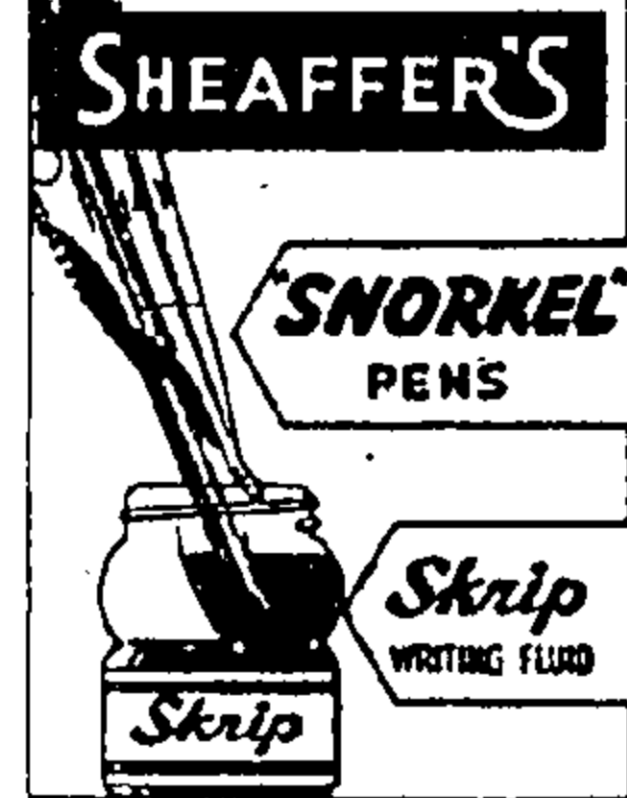
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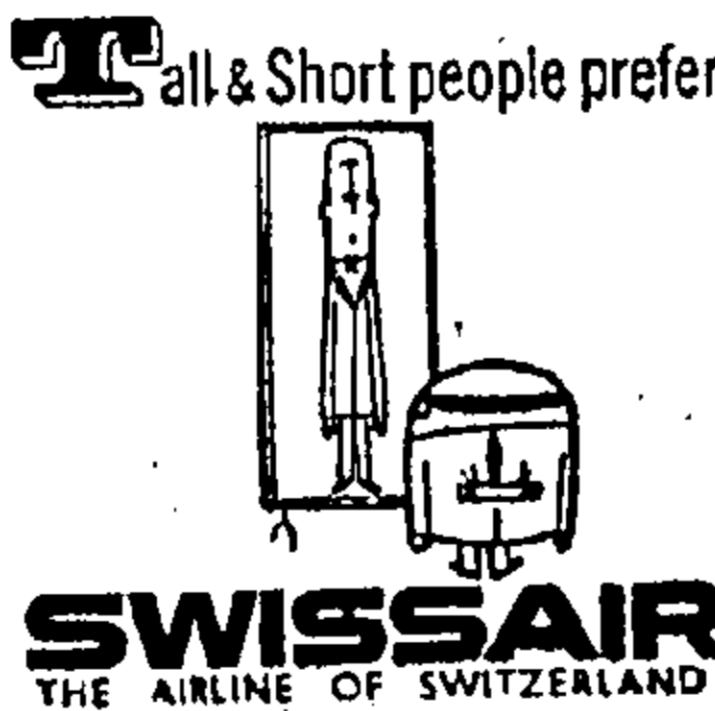
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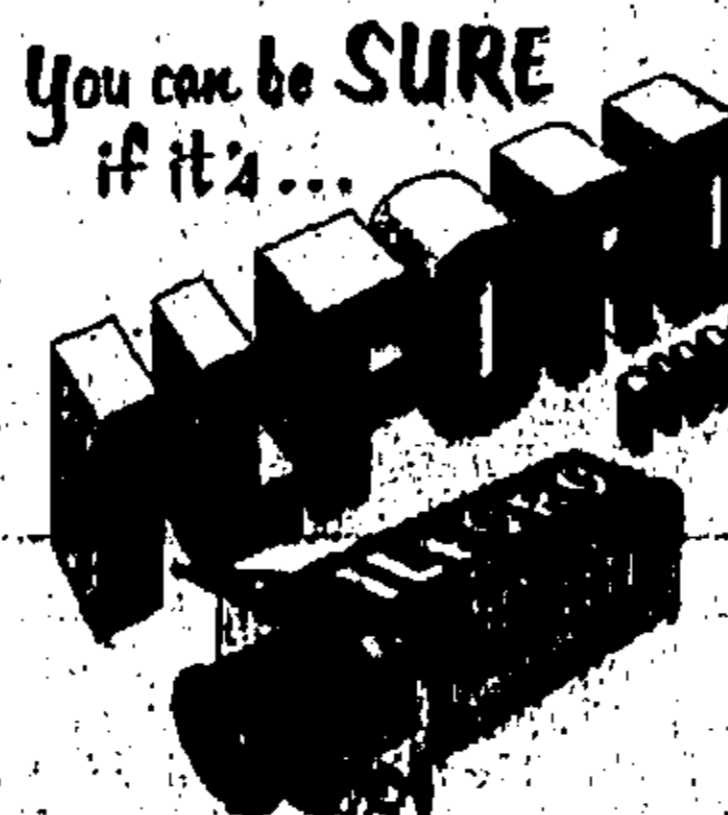
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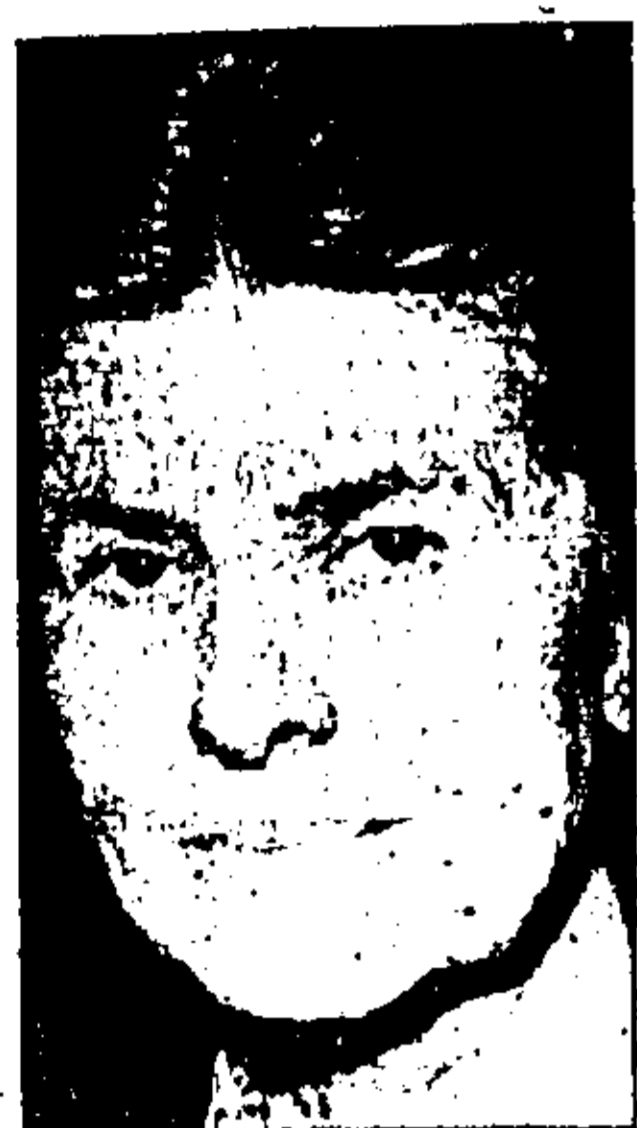
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ADMIRAL

Woman's Lone Journey To The Wilds Of India

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

American textile expert, Mrs Bayley Smith left Hongkong by Swissair today to "rough it" in the wilds of India.



MRS SMITH

POLICE SEEK OWNERS

The Police are anxious to find the owner or owners of two blue Hawaiian shirts, an old Chinese-style jacket, a leather belt, a khaki beach hat and a pair of sun-glasses, all of which are believed to have been stolen in the Wanchai or Bay View districts about the middle of last month.

Any person who has lost these articles or who may be able to identify them is asked to contact the Divisional Detective Inspector, Eastern Police Station, Telephone No. 34522 Extension 363 as soon as possible.

Mrs. Bayley Smith is returning to India to further research in the native art of Indian weaving and design.

At the end of the research period Mrs. Smith will report her findings to the University of Washington, which is financing her trip.

Mrs. Smith told the China Mail this morning that she was sure that there was a big market for quality Indian weavings in the U.S.

At the end of my stay in India I will publish a record for the University of Washington on the indigenous textile art of India," she said.

"The last person to do this was a Britisher, Dr. Forster Watson almost 100 years ago," she added.

Under The Stars
Mrs. Smith's research will take her into the tiny outlying villages of India.

"My best friend there is a trusty bed roll," she said. "But this is not new to me as my work in this field with the United Nations took me to many far-flung districts where I just had to rough it."

"I don't know exactly how long I'll be but I know that most of my time will be spent in the outlying districts."

"Naturally this will mean that most of my sleeping will be under the stars but I find it very exciting," she added.

One Killed In Road Mishap
A 31-year-old woman, Cheung Lan, who lived in an unnamed hut in Cheng Tau Kai Village, Sun Hui Castle Peak, sustained fatal injuries when she was knocked down by a lorry yesterday morning in Castle Peak Road, near Sun Ching Road, in the New Territories.

Any person who has lost these articles or who may be able to identify them is asked to contact the Divisional Detective Inspector, Eastern Police Station, Telephone No. 34522 Extension 363 as soon as possible.

FINN ON ILLEGAL ENTRY CHARGE
A 33-year-old Finn, Seppo Meremies, living in Kowloon Hotel, appeared before Mr. T. L. Yang at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of illegal entry.

Meremies, born in Helsinki, Finland, is alleged to have entered the Colony on November 14 without the permission of the Immigration Officer.

Meremies pleaded guilty but was remanded until tomorrow in police custody for a Finnish interpreter, on application of the Prosecuting Officer, Inspector R. E. Bell.

5 YEARS FOR DRUG MAKER
Ching Huen, 34, a farmer, was sentenced to five years by Judge B. J. Jennings at the Victoria District Court this morning when he was convicted on two charges of possessing and manufacturing heroin.

A second accused, Ng Chiu-ye, 32, a chemist, was given four years, and three others, Ma Mo, 25, Siu Wei-on, 58, and Siu Yin-chun, 37, were sentenced to two and a half years each.

The Prosecution's case was that police raided a farm in Lam Chuen Village, Tai Po, in November, and seized a large quantity of heroin and apparatus in a heroin factory there.

The farmer was the man who had rented the house while the chemist was in charge of the manufacture of heroin. The other three accused were also brought to the factory by the farmer.

Mr. D. G. Willis, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. C. P. Lai, of Peter Mo and Co. represented the last three accused.

Armed Robbery In Public Lavatory
Three Chinese, one of them armed with a knife, robbed a man of \$432 inside the public lavatory at the corner of Queen's Road East and Garden Road shortly after 4 o'clock this morning.

PICTORIAL PARADE



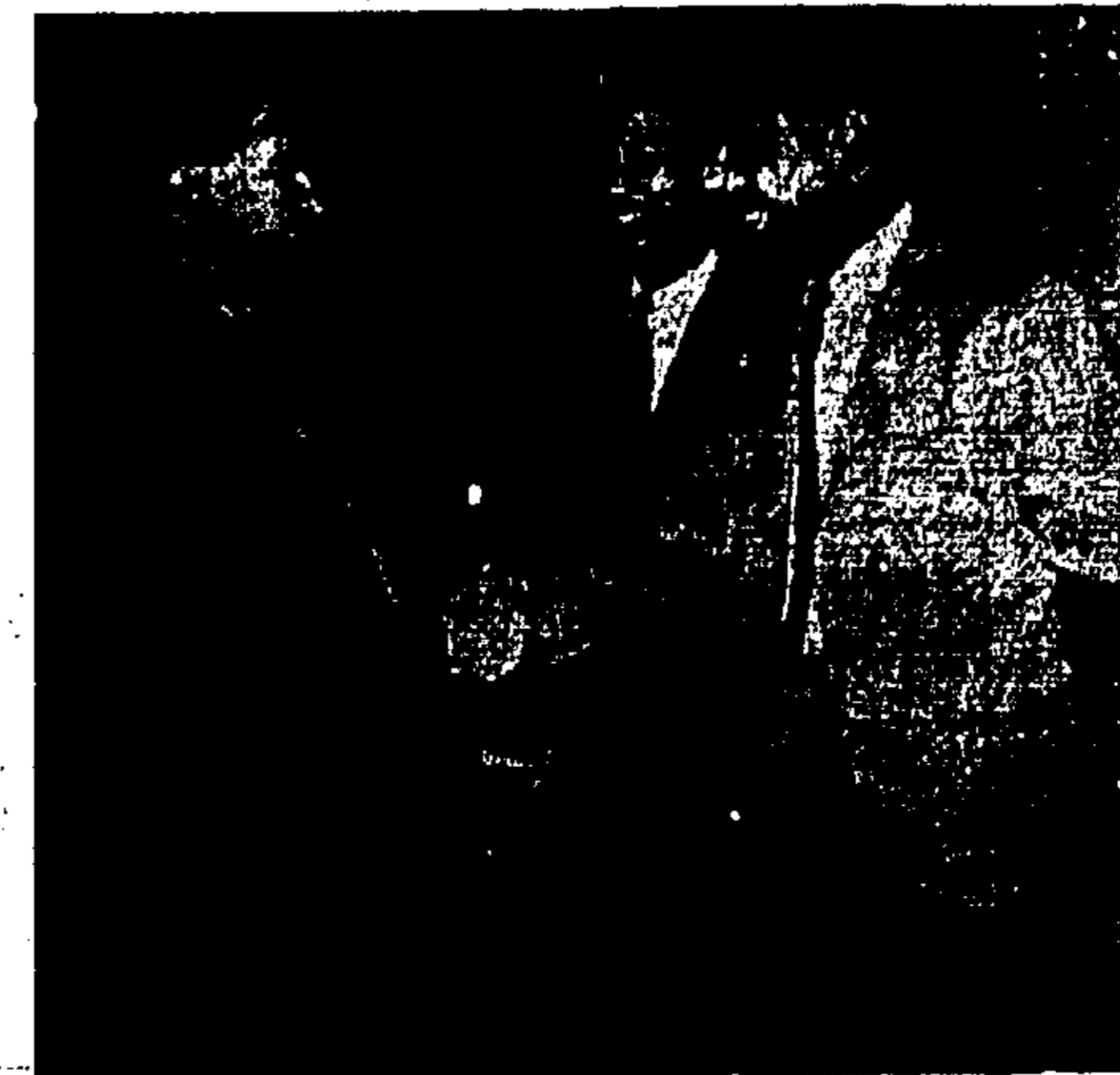
ABOVE: Messrs Carmichael and Clarke held their annual Christmas party for their staff and guests on Friday at the company's office, Union Building. Seen in photo are Mr A. W. Black (left) and Mr G. H. P. Pritchard who were among those present.



ABOVE: Mr D. J. S. Crozier, Director of Education, is seen formally opening the Pui Ching Middle School's new hostel at a ceremony on Saturday. At right is Dr Lam Chi-fung, the school's principal.



ABOVE: Lady Black, wife of His Excellency the Governor, is seen conversing with Mrs Arthur Woo (left), at the Women's International Club lunch meeting on Thursday.



ABOVE: Australian "Joyce" Mr John Rundle, arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday. He is seen at left shaking hands with Mr Alex Wu, Vice-President of the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce. Looking on is Mr Charles Kuo.

Bumper Christmas

(Continued from Page 1)

As expected a tremendous range of new novelty toys has flooded the Hongkong market. Don't be surprised if you see your next door neighbour's child waddling about in a space suit replica with red bulbs on a helmet flashing on and off.

Various kinds of mean looking toy guns and pistols are also available.

Everything from 45 colts with exploding bullets to weird looking ray guns will be to be had on Junior's hip on Christmas Day. And if the party lacks laughs just throw on a few comical records which are the latest party gimmick in America.

These comical records and of course the regular discs are selling like "hotcakes" in Hongkong's stores.

For the Christmas tree? Go west young man where the Government has already sold nearly a thousand Christmas trees.

To make Christmas a little merrier the USS Pickaway will arrive in the Colony with 50 tons of used clothing for the underprivileged.

Added to this several local organisations have arranged parties for the less fortunate. Nightclubs as expected are preparing for the biggest Christmas to date.

Most of the big nightclubs are already booked out and managers have had to increase their seating accommodation to cope with the crowds.

As usual the Post Office is hard pressed. Already big increases have been recorded in the amounts of local postings.

In November when most parcels and letters are sent off an increase of 15% was reported. However it has been noted that most people are sending their parcels from Kowloon.

The increase in posting from Hongkong has been only slight. So far 60 extra mail carriers have been hired to cope with the extra postal traffic.

However despite the tremendous increase an even bigger rush is expected in the next three days.

MOTORISTS

But while everyone is having a merrier Christmas, one section of the public will be restricted.

Motorists.

Christmas shoppers have found it increasingly difficult to find parking space these days.

With meters and car parks busy all the time the Government is doing a roaring trade.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr W. D. Heath, has warned motorists that vehicles found in any position other than designated parking areas, will be towed away.

Unfortunately the Christmas "spirit" can't be extended to police matters and motorists are warned that parking infringements will render them liable to prosecution together with being booked for towing fees.

Possibly with only the exception of traffic problems the people of Hongkong can expect a bigger, better and brighter Christmas.

Major Stanley Continues Evidence

The libel action before Judge K. R. Macfee at the Victoria District Court continued this morning when Major H. F. Stanley, Executive Director of the Hongkong Tourist Association, continued answering questions by the defence.

The plaintiffs, A. and A. Company (a firm), publishers of a booklet "Around and About Hongkong," which is the official organ of the Hongkong Tourist Association, are claiming damages for libel amounting to \$5,000 and costs from Mrs Beatrice Church, chairman and managing director of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau Ltd.

The plaintiffs claim that parts of a letter which Mrs Church had written to the Hongkong Standard on June 30 were libellous.

Cross-examining Major Stanley, Mr Cheung said witness had testified yesterday that his impression was that a guidebook "Holiday in Hongkong" had been published irregularly.

Mr Cheung said Mr Tavares, publisher of the book, would say that the book was published on the first, 11th and 21st of each month.

Major Stanley said he would accept Mr Tavares' statement. He added that copies of this guidebook did not arrive on the days mentioned by Counsel and that they did not arrive at his own office.

He said he thought "Around and About Hongkong" was a good guidebook. He said he had not made any recommendations as to the content of the book before it was first published in November last year.

No Recollection
He said he had no recollection of having talked to Mr Chao, Mr Nurse, or Mr Broiles about his idea of a guidebook. It was not likely that he had done so, he added.

Re-examined by Mr Yu, Major Stanley said Mr Mark Broiles had no power to negotiate the adoption of the guide book, at all unless he had actually requested him to do so. "In this matter, I did not ask Mr Broiles to do so," he added.

He said as far as he was concerned, he saw no objection to any member of the Association writing to him, and inquiring why the annual meeting had not been held until July this year and he would willingly disclose the reasons to any such query.

Hearing is continuing. The plaintiffs are represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr E. J. Lee, of Peter Mo and Co. The defence is represented by Mr C. V. Cheung, on the instructions of Mr A. S. C. Chamber of Hastings and Co.

Slightly Warmer Weather

Heavy clouds during the night kept the temperature higher than expected, a spokesman for the Royal Observatory said this morning.

Instead of an expected minimum of 60 degrees, the actual minimum temperature recorded was 60.1 degrees, taken at 7 a.m.

Today should be warmer, the spokesman added, with the maximum temperature in the region of 65 degrees, and tonight's minimum should remain the same, or about 60 degrees.

Typhoon Gilda, now near the Indo-China coast, has deteriorated into a tropical storm, which is now filling up near Saigon.

Little change can be expected in the outlook for the next day or two, he said.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December, 1934

ONE of the most memorable naval actions taken against the Chinese pirates in the early days of Hongkong, writes Old Colonial in his daily column "Old Hongkong" in the S.C.M. Post, was the joint British-American attack on Kuhnian in 1855.

But an almost equally exciting attack took place only five years earlier: "I take the following from the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette of March 6, 1850, relating to the destruction of nine piratical junks by HMS Medea:

"We have been favoured with an excellent eye-witness account of the Medea's action. A smart and well-executed expedition, the time occupied from the first order to get up steam until anchor was dropped in Hongkong being only 28 hours.

"News had been received in Hongkong that 17 pirate junks under the command of the notorious Chinese pirate Tai-mun, were lying in a bay about 50 miles from the Colony.

"In fact the pirate fleet were in a small bay on the Island of Kato. It was evident we had been sighted by our smoke, for when we rounded the point, we found 12 of the pirate vessels sweeping in, while the other junk remained at anchor.

"On rounding the point, we were all ready for action. They were then driven to the shore of Kato, where they suffered further heavy loss. Five prisoners were taken in the action.

"Of the junks, one was a 300-tonner with 18 guns and 120 men. In all there were 13 junks with a total of 120 guns and 800 men, of whom 200 were killed. The rest escaped."

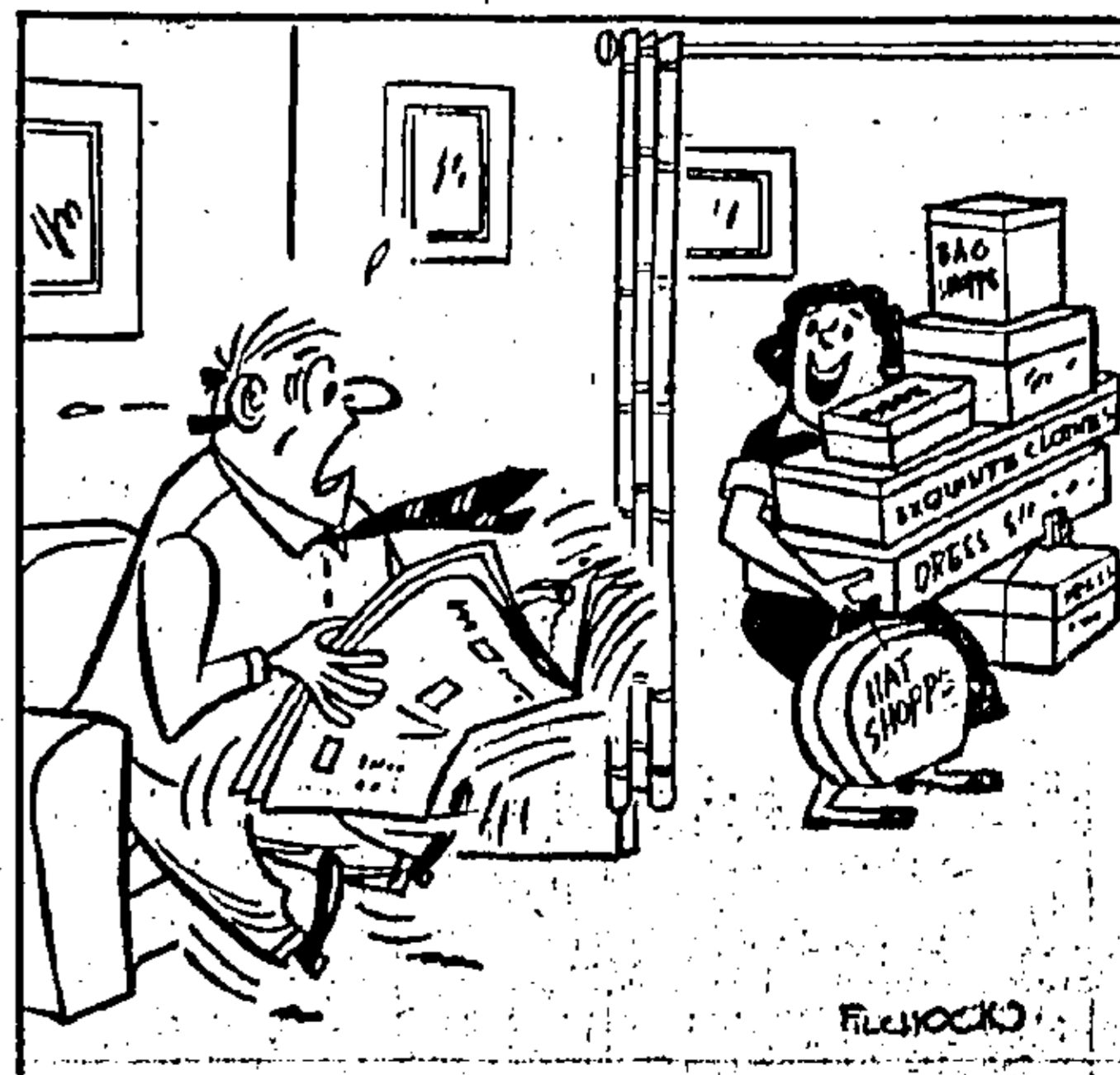
"Old Colonial" adds: "A terse seamanlike account; enough incident however for quite a 'story' in any modern newspaper."

Standing By Sinking Ship

London, Dec. 21. The 13,302-ton British motor vessel City of Port Elizabeth radoped today it was standing by the Italian steamer Bianca Corrado (7,162 tons) which was in a "sinking condition," off the Portuguese coast, Lloyds reported here.

The City of Port Elizabeth said the two vessels were making for Lisbon at eight knots. China Mail Special.

This Funny World



"Relax, dear—they're empties from the attic!"

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